



Mount Vernon Youth Soccer Association

(hereafter referred to as "MVYSA")

By-Laws

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INTRODUCTION

This is a revision / update of our By-Laws. This revision / update is intended to replace any and all prior versions or editions of the MVYSA By-Laws, Constitutions, and other such documents (and any amendments). This revised version shall become effective immediately upon approval by the membership. Any and all prior versions, editions, and amendments, shall be void.

OUR MISSION

The MVYSA is committed to providing an opportunity for kids to play soccer in a safe, fun, organized, and recreational setting.

The MVYSA is committed to promoting the game of soccer to the youth of our community.

ARTICLE 1 - Membership

Section 110.0 - Member, defined. All players, and their parents/guardians, who have properly registered to play, have paid all required registration fees, and have not withdrawn their registration (either voluntarily or involuntarily) shall be regarded as a MVYSA member. All properly registered coaches and assistant coaches who are assigned to a team shall be regarded as MVYSA members. MVYSA membership is also given to all persons serving on the Board of Directors and Coordinators. Membership may also be granted to any other person upon a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors and Coordinators.

Section 120.0 - Length of Membership. Membership is effective immediately upon satisfying the requirements listed in Section 110.0 (above). All memberships shall be valid until 31 March of the following year. Beginning 01 April of each year, all players, and their parents/guardians, will have to satisfy the requirements of membership again for the next season.

Section 130.0 - Rights of Members. All members, in good standing, are entitled to participate in MVYSA sanctioned events. All adult members are entitled to attend all general meetings. All adult members are entitled to attend and vote, in the annual elections, for candidates nominated to serve on the Board of Directors and Coordinators for the following season. All adult members are entitled to nominate candidates, or offer themselves for nomination, for election to the Board of Directors and Coordinators. All adult members are entitled to vote on proposed changes to these By-Laws.

Section 140.0 - Responsibilities of Members. All members are responsible to ensure that they follow the MVYSA By-Laws, MVYSA Operating Policies, Rules and Regulations of our higher sanctioning authorities, and any other similar rules and regulations. All members are expected to remember that this is a youth sports organization and conduct themselves in a manner consistent

with such events. Members will conduct themselves in a manner so as to not bring the game of soccer or the MVYSA into disrepute.

Section 150.0 - Removal / Revoking Membership. Any member can be suspended or expelled/disbarred at either a general meeting or a special meeting of the Board of Directors and Coordinators called for this purpose.

A. The following are some items which are grounds for suspension or expulsion/disbarment. This shall not be construed as an "all-inclusive" list:

(1) Failure or refusal to follow the MVYSA By-laws, Operating Policies, Rules and Regulations of our higher sanctioning authorities, and any other similar rules and regulations.

(2) Attempting to circumvent a decision rendered by the MVYSA.

(3) Any actions which damage the interest of the MVYSA or bring the game of soccer or the MVYSA into disrepute.

B. Any meetings or hearings for this purpose will be held in accordance with Article 5 of these By-Laws.

C. A motion for suspension shall require a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors and Coordinators. A motion for expulsion shall require a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors and Coordinators.

ARTICLE 2 -Board of Directors and Coordinators (hereafter referred to as "BDC")

Section 210.0 - Positions. The BDC shall be made up of the following positions:

- A. President
- B. Vice-President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Registrar
- F. At-Large, position 1
- G. At-Large, position 2
- H. Fields Coordinator
- I. Referee Coordinator
- J. Equipment and Uniform Coordinator
- K. Coaching Coordinator
- L. Sponsor Coordinator
- M. Jamboree Coordinator
- N. Advertising and Publicity Coordinator
- O. Concessions Coordinator (Will only be filled if MVYSA operates concession booth.)

In the interest of promoting diverse opinions/views, it is intended that an individual shall only hold one position at a time. If there is a shortage of volunteers for service on the BDC, then an individual may hold one officer position and as many coordinator positions as they wish. For quorum and voting purposes, an individual is only entitled to one vote, regardless of the number of positions held.

Section 220.0 - Officers and Coordinators. Positions A through G, as shown in section 210.0, shall be considered as the officers of the MVYSA. The order shown above shall also be the recognized order of succession. Positions H through O are to be coordinator positions. Coordinator positions have no particular order.

Section 225.0 - Additional Coordinator Positions. If it is determined, by the BDC, that a purpose exists to temporarily create additional coordinator positions, it shall have to authority to do so by simple majority vote. Immediately upon the creation of a new position, it shall be regarded as an open position and may be filled per the provisions of Section 250.0(C) of this Article. If this new position is to become permanent, this shall done by proposing an amendment to these By-Laws. If a temporary position still exists as of the October general meeting, and it is intended to become permanent, it shall be subject to all of the election requirements of Section 250.0 of this Article. A temporary coordinator position shall last no longer than twelve months.

Section 230.0 - Duties of BDC positions. The Duties of the MVYSA Board of Directors and Coordinators are as follows (This is intended to give a general description of each position. It is not intended to be an "all-inclusive" list.):

A. President: Shall supervise all activities of the MVYSA and the work of the BDC. He/She shall be the general representative in all public relations matters. He/She shall be responsible for negotiating and signing any contracts or agreements on behalf of the MVYSA. He/She shall represent the MVYSA at the Skagit Valley Youth Soccer Association meetings, vote on its behalf, and report to the BDC on County information and activities. He/She shall call and preside at all meetings and perform all duties usually inherent of such an office.

B. Vice-President: Shall assist the President in their duties. He/She will serve as the Director of Competition and field all issues in these matters. He/She will coordinate and organize team/individual photos. He/She will preside at meetings, if the President is unable to do so. He/She shall assume the role of President if the current President is unable to fulfill his/her duties, resigns, or is removed from office.

C. Secretary: Shall record, publish, and maintain copies of all meeting minutes and be responsible for giving the proper notice of meetings called. He/She will provide word processing, copying, mailing, and filing support for the BDC. He/She shall compile and maintain a directory of the current BDC members. He/She will maintain a copy of the MVYSA By-Laws.

D. Treasurer: Shall be responsible for coordinating and reporting activity of the MVYSA funds. He/She shall be responsible for the preparation of a proposed budget each fiscal year. If the MVYSA has chosen to hire an independent, third party contractor to maintain the daily financial records and prepare any required tax returns, He/She shall coordinate with any such party(ies) and report back to the BDC.

E. Registrar: Shall be responsible for the registration of all players within the MVYSA. He/She shall assign players and coaches to teams and will have the final decision on any such matters. He/She shall provide any required registration documentation to Skagit Valley Youth Soccer Association and all higher sanctioning authorities.

F. At-Large, position 1: Shall assist other BDC members in the performance of their duties, with emphasis placed on a duty of interest for assumption in the following year. May also be filled by an out-going BDC member for the purpose of assisting/training a successor.

G. At-Large, position 2: Shall assist other BDC members in the performance of their duties, with emphasis placed on a duty of interest for assumption in the following year. May also be filled by an out-going BDC member for the purpose of assisting/training a successor.

H. Referee Coordinator: Shall make all reasonable attempts to assure that all eligible MVYSA matches have properly licensed/certified referees. He shall be responsible for all matters that concern such referees. He/She will be required to complete the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) course for an Entry Level Referee. He/She will become certified as a USSF Referee Assignor.

I. Equipment and Uniform Coordinator:

(1) Equipment: Shall be responsible to maintain and provide equipment to the MVYSA teams for playing the game of soccer. Such equipment shall include, but not be limited to: Soccer balls for coaches, normal and accustomed training equipment, and appropriate first aid supplies.

(2) Uniforms: Shall be responsible for the purchase and distribution of player uniforms to all MVYSA players. Such uniform shall include a ball for each MVYSA player.

J. Coaching Coordinator: Shall assure that each registered MVYSA team has a coach. He/She shall be responsible for scheduling / arranging any desired coach training. He/She shall serve as a liaison between coaches and other BDC members.

K. Sponsor Coordinator: Shall be responsible for contacting businesses and organizations to assure that all MVYSA teams have sponsors.

L. Fields Coordinator: Shall be responsible for ensuring that all MVYSA soccer fields are painted with proper lines/markings and maintained for the duration of the practice/playing season. He/She shall ensure that the MVYSA has a sufficient supply of paint to accomplish these duties. He/She shall also be responsible for ensuring that all soccer goals have adequately attached nets and that such nets are removed and stored at the conclusion of the practice/playing season. He/She shall organize/arrange a 'work party' to assist with the initial measuring and marking of all MVYSA soccer fields just prior to the start of the practice/playing season.

M. Advertising and Publicity Coordinator: Shall be responsible for all advertising and publicity matters. Particular attention shall be given to promoting the registration of players by any reasonably available means.

N. Jamboree Coordinator: Shall organize and supervise all jamborees sponsored or hosted by the MVYSA.

O. Concessions Coordinator (This position will only be filled if MVYSA operates a concession booth/stand.): Shall be responsible for the organization and supervision of concessions sales. He/She shall coordinate with the Treasurer for matters concerning money management for concessions. He/She shall also be responsible for compliance with any and all Health, Food Safety, and Food Handling rules and regulations.

Section 240.0 - Term of service. Members of the BDC shall hold their positions for a period of one year, commencing 01 January of the year following the November general meeting at which they are elected. Any members elected after 01 January (to fill a position that was open at the conclusion of yearly elections or to fill a vacated position.) shall assume their position immediately upon election and shall retain it for the remainder of that year.

Section 250.0 - Elections. Each year, at the November general meeting, the MVYSA shall hold an election for those nominated to serve on the BDC for the following year. Nomination and election procedures shall be as follows:

A. - Nominations. At the October general meeting, nominations for election to the BDC shall be opened during New Business. All BDC positions shall be open for nominations. Upon adjournment of the October general meeting, further nominations may be submitted, in writing, to the Secretary until the closing of nominations. Written submissions may be on paper or electronic. The Secretary will publish a preliminary list of all positions and their respective nominees fifteen days prior to the November general meeting. Nominations shall be left open until ten days prior to the November general meeting. At that time, all nominations will close. The Secretary will publish a final list of all positions and their respective nominees at least seven days prior to the November general meeting. This list shall be made available to all members who are in good standing and request it. Electronic posting and/or distribution may be used satisfy the publishing requirements.

B. - Eligibility for nomination. Any adult MVYSA member, in good standing, is eligible for nomination to the BDC. A person may nominate themselves for a position, if desired. Anyone who is nominated by another person must accept the nomination to be considered as a nominee.

(1) Special requirement for nomination as President. Only current BDC members, who have been serving since 01 May of the current year, shall be eligible for nomination as President during the normal nominating period set forth in Section 250.0(A) of this Article.

(a) In the event that no current BDC members accept nomination as President, elections shall still take place according to 250.0(C) of this Article. In accordance with Section 250.0(C)(3), the position shall be declared "open". At that time, any adult MVYSA member, in good standing, shall be eligible for nomination and election to the office of President.

C. - Elections. At the November general meeting, and as the last item of New Business, annual elections will be held.

(1) Any positions that are uncontested (have only one nominee) will not be voted upon. The sole nominee shall be awarded the position.

(2) For all contested positions, a vote will be taken. All adult MVYSA members who are present, and in good standing, are eligible to cast votes (no absentee voting). The vote will be conducted by secret written ballot. The Secretary will be responsible for collecting and counting the ballots. The count will be observed by the President unless that is the position being voted upon. In that case, another officer will observe. The President and another BDC member will collect and count the ballots if the Secretary is the position being voted upon.

(a) If there are two nominees, the position will be awarded to the nominee who collects a simple majority (50%+1) of the votes cast.

*In the event of a tie vote, a new vote will be taken with only the current BDC voting. If still tied, another vote by the BDC will be taken with the nominees for the position ineligible to vote. If still tied after that, the three highest ranking BDC officers (who are not a nominee), as listed in Section 210.0 of this Article, will cast another vote to break the tie.

(b) If there are three or more nominees and one nominee collects at least 50% of the votes, that nominee will be awarded the position. If no nominee wins at least 50% of the votes cast, then another vote will be taken, with only the top two nominees as eligible candidates. This vote will be taken per Section 250.0(C)(2)(a) of this Article.

(3) Any position that has no nominees shall be declared "open". After all voting has been completed, nominations may be reopened for any open position(s) immediately. The nomination(s) shall remain open until an eligible person volunteers, and is elected, for the open position. At this time, BDC members may be nominated/elected to additional position(s), if they wish. Any positions that remain open when the November general meeting is adjourned, may be filled at any future meeting by simple majority vote of the BDC.

(a) The President shall assume the responsibilities, but not the title, of any open officer position(s). The responsibilities of any open coordinator position(s) may be assumed by any BDC member(s) willing to take them. Any such open position(s) may still be filled at any future meeting by simple majority vote of the BDC.

Section 260.0 - Resignation of a BDC member. If a BDC member wishes to resign their position, such resignation should be in writing, if at all possible, and shall have an effective date to be valid. The resignation shall be submitted to the Secretary. Electronic communications shall be sufficient for this purpose. Upon the effective date of such a resignation, the BDC position shall be declared open. The position may be filled and/or the duties performed per Section 250.0(C)(3) of this Article.

Section 270.0 - Removal of a BDC member by the BDC. The BDC shall have the authority to remove a fellow member of the BDC from their position prior to the end of their term of service.

A. A person may be removed from the BDC for failure to attend general meetings or a failure to perform the duties of their position. It is intended that the reasons for missing meetings will be taken into account. It is recognized that these are volunteer positions and people sometimes have other duties and obligations. If the duties are still being performed adequately, removal may not be required. It is intended that a BDC member would receive some form of warning prior to removal action being pursued.

(1) Failure to attend general meetings shall be defined as either missing four general meetings in a calendar year or missing any 3 consecutive general meetings.

(2) Failure to perform duties shall be as determined by the BDC.

B. Only the BDC shall be entitled to vote on an action taken under this section. All quorum requirements of Article 3, Section 360.0, shall apply. Any motion to remove another BDC member shall require at least a 75% majority, of those present and eligible to vote, to carry.

(1) Upon a successful motion to remove a BDC member, the position shall be declared open. The position may be filled and/or the duties performed per Section 250.0(C)(3) of this Article.

Article 3 - Meetings

Section 310.0 - General meetings. The MVYSA shall hold a general meeting, to conduct the MVYSA's business in a timely fashion, once each month, except for December. It is intended that the meetings will be held on a regular schedule (example: 3rd Monday of the month). If the BDC determines that a December general meeting is needed, it will be determined and announced at the November general meeting. The schedule / location of the general meetings will be determined by the BDC. The schedule of general meetings shall be made available to all members who request it. The BDC shall have the right to make a temporary change to the general meeting schedule if it deems it is necessary. Such changes will be posted/distributed to members at least five days before either the rescheduled meeting or the new meeting date, whichever is earlier. Electronic posting and/or distribution of both the general meeting schedule and any temporary changes shall be deemed as sufficient notification to members.

Section 320.0 - Order of Business and Regular Minutes. The Secretary will record and distribute minutes from all meetings. Copies of the minutes will be made available to any member who requests them. Any such minutes will not include the details of any Executive session (per Section 340.0 of this Article). The distribution may be either paper, electronic, or both. The order of business at all general meetings shall be as follows (but not limited to):

- A. Call to order
- B. Record all BDC members present
- C. Record all other adult persons present and their purpose for attending.
- D. Special guest presentations (if any)
- E. Review and approval of minutes from previous general meeting and special meetings (if applicable)
- F. Reports by each BDC member. This includes reports by those who may be performing the duties of open positions.
- G. Old business.
- H. New business.
- I. Executive session (if necessary)
- J. Reminder of any important upcoming items.
- K. Notice of next general meeting
- L. Adjournment

Section 330.0 - Special meetings. If He/She deems it necessary, the President has the authority to call a special meeting. A special meeting may also be called upon request of two members of the BDC. All members will be notified of a special meeting at least five days prior to the meeting. Electronic posting and/or distribution of the meeting schedule shall be deemed as sufficient notification to members. In recognition of the time commitments already required of the BDC, special meetings should only be used if absolutely necessary. Any such special business should be done in accordance with Section 350.0 of this Article, if at all possible.

Section 340.0 - Executive sessions. The President (or other officer presiding over a meeting) has the authority to call any general or special meeting into an executive session. The Secretary will record minutes from any such session separate from the minutes of the remainder of the meeting. Such minutes will only be distributed to BDC members. Only the BDC will be allowed to attend an executive session portion of any meeting. An exception to this may be made for individual(s) who are the direct subject of the executive session **and** have been asked/invited to attend by the

BDC. An executive session is intended as a means to discuss subjects which would not be in the MVYSA's best interest to be made public. Such items may include (but not be limited to): Some disciplinary matters, personnel matters, certain contract/agreement negotiations, and financial information which would include the disclosure of account identification information. (Clarification note: Account balance and money disposition information is NOT to be part of an executive session.).

Section 350.0 - Electronic business. The BDC may be permitted to conduct some of its business by electronic means (including, but not limited to: e-mail, conference call, and any future form of such communications). This provision is not intended to circumvent conducting business in regular meetings. It is intended to allow for business that may have deadlines that occur before the next regular general meeting, but may not justify a special meeting to be called. It may also be used for some routine business items that do not normally require a significant amount of discussion. The President also has the authority to declare business items as an "emergency". This authority shall apply to matters which must be discussed/handled immediately and there is not sufficient time to call a special meeting in accordance with Section 330.0 of this Article. Such emergency items may also be dealt with electronically. The guidelines for electronic business are as follows:

A. All members of the BDC must be notified and included in such business. The general membership is not entitled to be notified of electronic business.

B. When conducting such business, all BDC members will be included in all communications. (example: an e-mail reply in a discussion will be sent to all BDC members, not just the person sending the e-mail).

C. Any motions made electronically shall not require a 'second'.

D. All BDC members shall be given at least two days to respond to / and cast a vote on any electronic motions. At least one of these days shall be Monday through Thursday.

E. The Secretary will record the votes of all BDC members and announce the results. The requirements for a quorum, as shown in Sections 360.0(B) and 360.0(B)(1) of this Article, shall also apply to electronic business. (Example: If four BDC members, including at least one officer, cast votes on an electronic motion, the quorum requirements will have been met, even if all BDC members did not vote.)

F. At the next general meeting, as part of Old Business, the Secretary will report on any electronic business that was conducted since the last general meeting. The Secretary will print the final results of each BDC member's vote. The printed results will be made available for viewing and verification. The results of any votes will be read and will be entered into the minutes, including the names of all BDC members who cast votes. If the results are not unanimous, the names of those in the minority will be included in the minutes.

Section 360.0 - Voting and Quorum. All adult members, in good standing, are eligible to vote in the annual elections held at the November general meeting and at other general meetings when a proposed change to the By-Laws is being voted upon. In such cases, each eligible person is entitled to one vote. Otherwise, only the BDC shall be eligible to vote at general and special meetings (The general membership is permitted to attend and comment on proposed actions).

A. Each member of the BDC shall have one vote (even if holding more than one position/office).

B. A quorum for all meetings shall be determined as follows:

(1) If there are ten or more persons serving on the BDC, then at least four members of the BDC shall constitute a quorum . At least one of these must be an officer.

(2) If there are six to nine persons serving on the BDC, then three members of the BDC (one must be an officer) shall constitute a quorum.

(3) If there are five or fewer persons serving on the BDC, then there will be no quorum requirement. The requirements of Section 360.0(C) of this Article shall still apply.

C. Any motions that are made, at meetings, must have a "second" to be brought to a vote. A simple majority of those present and qualified to vote shall carry a motion. The Secretary will record the results of the vote. If the results are not unanimous, the names of those in the minority will be included in the minutes. With the exception of annual elections held at the November general meeting (see Article 2, Section 250.0(C)(2)), all votes will be open and recorded. No secret/anonymous ballots are allowed.

Article 4 - Finances

Section 410.0 - Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the MVYSA shall begin at 12:00am on 01 January and end at 11:59:59pm on 31 December, annually. All financial rules and regulations are in effect during the twelve months of the fiscal year.

Section 420.0 - The MVYSA will be registered with the United States Internal Revenue Service as a Section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (tax-exempt). The MVYSA will also be registered with the State of Washington as a non-profit corporation.

Section 430.0 - Budget. The Treasurer shall prepare a proposed budget for the new fiscal year. The proposed budget shall be submitted to, discussed by, and approved by the BDC no later than the March general meeting of that fiscal year. Part of this process will be to determine the amount to be charged for registration fees for that year. The budget will become part of the minutes for the meeting at which they are approved by the BDC.

Section 440.0 - Audit. The financial books and records of the MVYSA shall be audited annually. If the MVYSA has chosen to hire an independent, third party contractor to maintain the daily financial records and prepare any required tax returns, this shall satisfy the annual audit requirement.

Section 450.0 - Financial Reports. The Treasurer shall strive to provide copies of the most currently available bank statements for review by the BDC at every general meeting. It is understood that, due to bank printing schedules, current statements may not be available for every meeting. In no case will more than three general meetings pass without the most recent statements made available for review. If available, all account balances will be read by the Treasurer and shall be recorded in the minutes by the Secretary. At the June general meeting, the Treasurer shall prepare and present a budget status report for review by the BDC.

Section 460.0 - Financial Access. The following states who will have access to the MVYSA's money and the level/authority of access:

A. All checking accounts. The President and Treasurer will be listed as signors. If the MVYSA has chosen to hire an independent, third party contractor to maintain the daily financial records and prepare any required tax returns, that person will also be listed as a signor.

(1) If available, these persons will all be entitled to electronic account access as well. In the event that only one person must be designated as the "administrator" (or similar title), the President shall have that title/authority.

B. Reserve account(s). If the MVYSA maintains funds in separate account(s) for the purpose of reserve spending and/or capital improvement projects, The President shall be the signor for the account. If the MVYSA has chosen to hire an independent, third party contractor to maintain the daily financial records and prepare any required tax returns, that person will also be listed as a signor.

(1) If available, these persons, in addition to the Treasurer, shall be entitled to electronic account access as well. In the event that only one person must be designated as the "administrator" (or similar title), the President shall have that title/authority.

C. In the event that the Treasurer position is open, the signor authority shall be assumed by the highest-ranking officer (below President) as listed in Article 2, Section 210.0.

Section 470.0 - Disclosure. The MVYSA shall comply with all legal requirements to disclose financial records.

Section 480.0 - Dissolution. Should the MVYSA be dissolved, all remaining physical assets shall be either donated to any other organization who has an interest in promoting youth soccer or sold for fair market value at the discretion of the BDC. Any monetary assets that remain after the repayment of all debts, shall be dispersed, as directed by the BDC, to any organizations which have qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Service.

Article 5 - Judiciary

Section 510.0 - Judiciary Proceedings. If a situation exists/arises where a Judicial action is needed, the BDC shall act as a Judicial Board. The BDC shall have the power to impose penalties when the MVYSA By-Laws, Operating Policies, and any other rules and regulations of a competition are violated. This shall apply to MVYSA members and non-members who are supporters/spectators at MYVSA sanctioned/sponsored events. Procedures/penalties are as follows:

A. Penalties may consist of warning, temporary suspension, indefinite suspension, or expulsion/disbarment from further participation and membership with MVYSA. Any member who has been suspended (either temporarily or indefinitely) or expelled/disbarred shall not be regarded as being "in good standing".

B. Except for the provisions of Section 510.0(C) of this Article, any player, coach, or other MVYSA member, who is the subject of a pending judicial action, shall have the opportunity to be heard by the BDC before any penalties are imposed. The individual shall be entitled to a written notice of the pending action at least five days prior to the meeting at which the judicial action will be heard. Written notice may be served in the following ways: personal service by a BDC officer, electronic distribution/notification, or by U.S. Postal Service mail if mailed at least seven days prior to the meeting date.

(1) If the individual, who is the subject of a judicial action, is not a MVYSA member, a reasonable attempt at notification will still be made. However, the individual is not entitled to notification. Judicial action may proceed without notification.

C. Any assault or battery of a match official/referee prior to, during, or after a match by any MVYSA member or non-members associated with MVYSA teams shall be reported to the MVYSA as soon as possible. The offending individual shall be immediately suspended and barred from further participation, pending a hearing. The offending individual shall receive a hearing (in accordance with Sections 510.0(B) and 510.0(B)(1) of this Article) within seven days. If found guilty, the individual shall be suspended from further participation in activities of the MVYSA for a period of no less than 18 months.

(1) If it is deemed necessary by the BDC, the MYVSA shall have the right to impose a longer suspension or may decide upon disbarment from future participation and/or membership in the MVYSA.

D. Falsification of player records shall be grounds for disbarment of the involved individual from future participation and/or membership in the MVYSA.

Section 520.0 - Notification and Cooperation.

A. Any judicial actions taken by the MVYSA, which result in a suspension or disbarment, will be reported to the Skagit Valley Youth Soccer Association, known hereafter as "SKVYSA", and its other member soccer clubs. At the discretion of the BDC, the suspension or disbarment may also be reported to any other higher sanctioning authorities.

B. The MVYSA will cooperate with any similar notifications that it receives from any other recognized clubs, associations, or sanctioning authorities.

Section 530.0 - Appeals and Protests. The MVYSA shall deal with any appeals to its decisions. There is no higher authority to appeal a decision made by the MVYSA. Any attempts to appeal to another authority may be regarded as a violation of Article 1, Section 150.0(A)(1) of these By-Laws.

A. The MVYSA will only hear appeals of its decisions if there is new or mitigating evidence or circumstances to be reviewed. Otherwise, all MVYSA decisions are final.

(1) Anyone wishing to appeal a decision made by the MVYSA shall do so at the next regular general meeting. The individual shall notify the Secretary, in writing, of the intent to appeal at least seven days prior to the meeting.

B. In appeals regarding matches, including the issuing of a caution (yellow card) or send off (red card) by a referee, SKVYSA shall be the authority to hear such appeals. SKVYSA policies in such appeals shall apply.

(1) Except for issues regarding the issuing of a caution (yellow card) or send off (red card) by a referee, there shall be no appeals involving a match in which either no official score was kept or in a division for which team/league standings are not maintained.

Article 6 - Insurance

Section 610.0 - Liability insurance. All BDC members and supportive staff of the MVYSA shall be covered by insurance provided by U.S. Club Soccer (hereafter referred to as "USCS") for personal liability claims arising out of performing acts and duties directly related to the work of the MVYSA.

A. Should the MVYSA be no longer affiliated with, or sanctioned by, USCS, similar liability insurance that is provided by another sanctioning body shall be permitted to satisfy the requirements of this Article until these By-Laws are updated to reflect the name of the new sanctioning body.

Article 7 - General Rules and Regulations

Section 710.0 - Operating Policies. Other general rules and regulations which govern the operation of the MVYSA will be contained in a separate document. This document shall be known as the MVYSA Operating Policies. The MVYSA Operating Policies will cover (but not be limited to): Registration requirements, fees and payment requirements (includes refunds of payments), and general conduct expectations.

A. The current version of the MVYSA Operating Policies was adopted by the BDC on 15 March 2010. Although it pre-dates these By-Laws, it will remain in effect upon approval of these By-Laws. This shall include any approved amendments.

B. The MVYSA Operating Policies may be modified at any meeting of the BDC by a motion and simple majority vote, in accordance with Article 3 of these By-Laws. Only the BDC members shall be eligible to vote on proposed changes to the MVYSA Operating Policies.

Article 8 - Automatic amendment and severability.

Section 810.0 - Should any of the provisions of these By-laws or the MVYSA Operating Policies be or become in conflict with the rules or requirements of SKVYSA or other higher sanctioning authorities, the provision in conflict shall be deemed to be amended automatically to conform to the rules of these authorities.

Section 820.0 - Should any of the provisions of these By-laws or the MVYSA Operating Policies be declared illegal in a court of law, said provision shall be severed from the rest of the document. The remainder of the document(s) shall remain effective and enforceable.

Article 9 - Amendments

Section 910.0 - By-Law Amendments. The following procedures shall be used to amend these By-Laws.

A. Proposed amendment(s) may only be effected at a regular general meeting and must be placed for a vote of the general membership.

B. Proposed amendment(s) must be submitted to the Secretary, in writing, at least twenty days prior to the meeting at which they are to be first acted upon. If the person proposing the amendment(s) is not a member of the BDC, enough copies of the proposal shall be submitted to allow for each member of the BDC to receive one.

C. The Secretary shall notify all BDC members of proposed By-Law amendment(s) at least ten days prior to the meeting at which they are to be first acted upon and provide copies of proposed amendment(s). Notification by electronic posting and/or distribution, personal service, or by U.S. Postal Service mail (if mailed at least twelve days prior to the meeting date) shall satisfy the notification requirement.

D. After the submission and notification requirements are met, as part of New Business, the BDC will review and vote whether or not to pass the proposed amendment(s) to the general membership for a vote at the next general meeting. All quorum requirements of Article 3, Section 360.0, shall apply. The proposed amendment(s) must receive at least a 2/3 majority vote to carry and be passed on for a vote by the general membership at the next general meeting.

E. The general membership will be notified of the proposed amendment(s) at least twenty days prior to the general meeting at which the voting will take place. Notification by electronic distribution and/or posting may be used to satisfy this requirement.

E. At the following general meeting, the proposed amendment(s) will be brought forward as Old Business. At this time, all adult members, in good standing and present, are eligible to vote on the proposed amendment(s) (no absentee voting). A simple majority of those voting will be sufficient to enact the proposed amendment(s).

F. If enacted, the Secretary shall update these By-Laws to reflect the new changes.

Approval

Notification of a proposal to adopt these By-Laws was made to current MVYSA members on 23 February 2011. 187 members were notified electronically. Notice was also posted to the current MVYSA website. Notification included a copy of these proposed By-Laws.

At the regular general meeting that was held on 21 March 2011, a vote was taken to adopt these By-Laws. Only current BDC members were present for this vote. No other MVYSA members chose to attend and vote.

These By-Laws are hereby adopted by unanimous vote of those present:

Chad Burton - President
Annie Reed - Secretary
Bruce Avery - Treasurer
Brien Reed - Registrar
Karen Pauley - At Large, Position #1
Duane Henson - Referee Coordinator
Kristina Schuh - Sponsor Coordinator