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BY-LAWS

SECTION I - TEAMS

A. Team Size

1. Teams will normally be limited to 14 players with a maximum roster size of 15 players and a minimum roster size of 13 players.
2. In the event the LYSA General Board decides that a league will be played short-sided (less than 11 players at a time), teams will normally be limited to the number playing plus 2. The maximum roster will be the number playing plus 3 and the minimum roster will be the number playing plus 2.
3. U5 and U6 teams will normally be limited to the number playing plus 3 with a maximum roster of the number playing plus 4 and the minimum roster will be the number playing plus 2.

B. Membership

1. All players will be assigned to teams in the manner prescribed by LYSA.
 - a) Teams will be assigned by areas as defined by the Lafayette Youth Soccer Association.
 - b) Adjoining areas can be combined by the LYSA General Board.
 - c) Formation of New Areas - When an existing area reaches a point where it is feasible to form two areas the following criteria must be met:
 1. The criteria must be met by the winter AGM meeting in the year the division is contemplated. Ex: Feb 86 winter meeting for fall 86 playing season.
 2. Formal written petition to LYSA Executive Board by an established youth athletic organization.
 3. Minimum requirements of formation as follows:
 - a) At least 4 teams in 1 age group, U-8, U-10, or U-12 (56 players based on prior year registration.)
 - b) At least one team in three age groups U-8, U-10, U-12.
 - c) minimum of 150 players from prior year registration. This does not include players on old area returning teams, if majority of returning team is from existing area.
 4. The establishment of a new area will not reduce the remaining area below the above criteria.

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C. TRANSITIONAL RULES

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 - a) New area boundary lines will be established by the LYSA Executive Board.
 - b) Returning teams of 6 or more players will remain intact as long as they meet the criteria for returning teams regardless of new boundary lines. The team shall be considered part of the area from which the majority of the players reside.
 - i) All players on returning teams must be notified of their options by the founders of the new area.
 - c) The new area criteria must be met every year for a minimum of 3 years. If not, the new area will be dissolved and return to the previous area.
2. A team will be officially organized when a team roster has been issued by LSA.
3. No player shall play on more than one LYSA team.
 - a) The high school league is not part of LYSA, therefore a player may play on an LYSA and high school team.

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D. Organization

1. Definition of the types of youth teams that may be sanctioned by the association.
 - a) Premier Teams - The LYSA Executive Board shall provide separate rules and guidelines for Premier teams.
 - 1) Premier teams must hold open tryouts to select players on the basis of ability and experience.
 - 2) Premier teams are formed on an association-wide basis.
 - 3) Premier teams represent the association in statewide competition, all traveling costs are to be borne by the players parents.
 - 4) Premier team formation and coaches shall be approved by the LYSA Executive Board.
 - 5) Teams shall have free substitution and players are guaranteed no minimum playing time.
 - 6) Premier teams must hold tryouts and have final cuts before the call-outs for LYSA Recreational teams.
 - 7) The number of players in each age group will be limited and determined by the LYSA Executive Board.
 - 8) Premier teams must be formed prior to Division 1 team formation.
 - b) Division 1 Teams
 - 1) Teams will be formed by open tryouts.

- Tryouts may only be held after the State Cup in the team's age group, and the end of the Premier Dead Period in the same age group. Formatted
- 2) ALL players must attend at least one try-out to be eligible to play in Division 1. Formatted: Bullets and Numbering
 - 3) D1 Team formation must be completed before the fall Recreational callouts.
 - 4) Participation on an LYSA Division 1 team is by invitation only. There is NO guarantee that any player will be invited to play in Div-1. No team shall be required to accept any player other than those drafted by the coach.
 - 5) LSA Policy determines the maximum roster size for Division 1 teams.
 - 6) Minimum roster size is number playing plus 2.
 - 7) Player's shall be allowed to express their preference to play for a specific coach and may decline any invitation to join a team. There is no guarantee that all players will be drafted or placed on a team. Formatted
 - 8) Coaches, parents and players shall refrain from using criticism of other teams, players and/or coaches to encourage players to accept an invitation to join a team.
 - 9) The number of players trying out and the minimum team size will determine the number of coaches selected and teams formed.
 - 10) In the event there are more coaches than teams that can be formed, LYSA will designate coaches only if the coach candidates cannot reach an agreement as to team formation. The LYSA Executive Board retains right of approval for all coaches. A candidate's previous disciplinary history can play a role in approval. When LYSA must select a coach the following criteria will be used: Formatted
 - a. LYSA Board approval
 - a. Coaching license level
 - b. Years coaching in LYSA/CSC
 - c) Total years coaching/playing. Formatted: Bullets and Numbering
 - 11) Division 1 teams may be formed by combining Recreational teams. Formatted
 - 12) Each Division 1 player is guaranteed a MINIMUM of 30% playing time in all games except for valid disciplinary reasons.
 - 13) The Division 1 Guidelines contained in Appendix III shall be followed in administering the LYSA Division 1 Program.

These guidelines may be modified by the LYSA Executive Board at any time.

c) Regular Recreation Teams

- 1) Recreational teams are formed on an area basis. Players may be transferred to an adjacent area for the purpose of filling teams to the proper number of players. These transfers will be made geographically to assign players that live closest to the area. The transfers must be approved by the LYSA Executive Board. In U-7 and above, a returning player who has been assigned to a different area or whose area has changed has the option of remaining on his or her returning team.
- 2) A U-5/U-6 League will be formed with separate playing guidelines to be developed by the LYSA Executive Board.
- 3) Players will play at least one-half of every game they attend. Players may have part of their guaranteed playing time withheld for disciplinary reasons. Lack of ability is not considered grounds for disciplining players.
- 4) Team assignments will be made by a draft process as specified in Appendix 1.
- 5) Substitutions will be made as per Section VIII.
- 6) An injured player removed from the game will have that entire quarter recorded as playing time. A player that goes into the game for an injured player will not have any of the time played in that quarter going to satisfy his half game playing requirements.
- 7) The LYSA Executive Board will govern transfers from Recreational teams to Premier teams.

2. Teams will be organized into age groups as follows:
Under 5 (4) Under 13 (12)
Under 6 (5) Under 14 (12 & 13)
Under 7 (6) Under 15 (14)
Under 8 (7) Under 16 (15)
Under 9 (8) Under 17 (16,)
Under 10 (9) Under 18 (17)
Under 11 (10, 1)
Under 12 (11) Under 19 (18)

3. There will be a separate girls program.
- a) If there is not a league for a gender, the remaining league will be co-ed.

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1) Teams will be formed by open tryouts. Tryouts may only be held after the State Cup in the team's age group and the end of the Premier Dead Period in the same age group.

<#>ALL players must attend at least one try-out to be eligible to play in Division 1.

<#>D1 Team formation must be completed before the fall Recreational callouts.

<#>Participation on an LYSA Division 1 team is by invitation only. There is NO guarantee that any player will be invited to play in Div-1. No team shall be required to accept any player other than those drafted by the coach.

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- b) Returning teams as specified in Appendix 1 will be allowed in the girl's program. The girl's League Commissioner will form the rest of the teams on a neighborhood basis.

- 4. Age groups may be combined or eliminated due to the lack of players in an age bracket. (Example: Under 15 includes U12, U13, & U14 and no Under 16).

E. Practices and Team Activities

- 1. All team meetings shall be considered team activities. This includes games, practice sessions, scrimmages, and instructional meetings.
- 2. During the regularly scheduled LYSA season team activities, except for LYSA scheduled games, shall be limited to 3 hours during any calendar week.
- 3. There will be no limit on weekly practices of Premier and Division 1 Teams.

SECTION II - PLAYERS

A. Registration

- 1. All players must be registered with LYSA.
- 2. Player registration fees must be paid at the time of enrollment.
- 3. A player can only be registered in one program, i.e., the Premier, Division 1 or Recreational.
- 4. Dual registration in other Soccer organizations sanctioned by LSA is prohibited, except as permitted by the LSA Bylaws or Policies.

B. Eligibility

- 1. A player may not participate in a game unless his or her registration form is on file with LYSA 24 hours before the game.
- 2. A player's age on July 31 of that calendar year shall be used for the entire season.
 - a) The season shall begin on September 1 and end on August 31 of the following year.
 - b) False registration will result in that player not being eligible to play on any tournament team.
- 3. Transfers will be allowed only at the discretion of the Executive Board.
 - a) Siblings should make any special request known at the time of registration. The only request that will be honored is if siblings of the same gender in the same age group want to play on the same team.
- 4. Only the players listed on the official roster will be eligible for league games.
 - a) The penalty for allowing an unregistered player to participate will be a forfeit of that game

or the next game the team wins, if the team does not win that game.

5. Registrations will be accepted up to the **Tuesday Before** the scheduled **Draftday**. After that date, the LYSA Office will keep a waiting _____ list.

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- a) As positions become available or in order to fill teams, the Area Commissioner will assign late registrants to teams in draft order not to exceed the limits defined in Section I.
- b) If at any time after the draft, a team's official roster drops below the minimum size set forth in Section I, that team may add a player or players from the Area Commissioner's waiting list to bring that team to the minimum recommended size. If there are no players on the Area Commissioner's waiting list, the team may add a player or players from their Area, to bring that team to the minimum recommended size, with the approval of the League Commissioner. Any player or players added to a team's roster after the Fall roster submission date established by the Louisiana Soccer Association, shall not be considered a member of a returning team the following year and must be assigned to a team through the draft process as specified in Appendix 1.

6. Unless exempted by the LYSA Board, players will be assigned to an Area team based on their primary residence address. If after team formation, it is found that a player has used an address other than their primary address in order to remain on or be placed on a team out of their primary residence Area, that player shall be suspended from play in the LYSA for a period to be determined by the LYSA Executive Board.

7. Registration for the Spring Season will be accepted on or before the announced registration date. After that date the League Commissioners will keep a _____ waiting list.

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8. Playing up in age is not permitted, except as follows:
- a. There is no team available for the player at the same level of play in the player's proper age group and the Executive Board approves, or
 - b. For Premier League teams, the approved coach(es) in the player's proper age group consent in writing and the approval of the Executive Board, or
 - c. With the approval of the Executive Board, upon a finding of extraordinary circumstances.

C. Player Discipline

1. The purpose of the Lafayette Youth Soccer

Association is to teach soccer and good sportsmanship to all participants in the Association. With this goal in mind, the following criteria are established for disciplinary procedures to be taken by coaches:

- a) For failure to attend one-half of the scheduled practices within a week, the player can be kept out for a quarter of the game scheduled for that week.
 - b) For failure to attend all of the scheduled practices in a week, the player can be kept out of the entire game scheduled for that week.
(The above rules take into consideration the mandatory playing time of one-half of each game. Therefore, the player who misses one-half of the practices can only expect to play one-fourth of a game.)
2. A player who disrupts a team through misbehavior, belligerence, or disrespect can be disciplined by being denied the right to play in the entire game for that week. This action will only be taken by the coaches after they have advised the player's parents of the actions of the player and the course of action they will take.
 3. Lack of skill is NOT considered valid grounds to deny a player his mandatory playing time in a regularly scheduled game. Coaches and parents will make every effort to coordinate among themselves how players will be disciplined during the season.

SECTION III - EQUIPMENT

A. Ball Sizes

1. Ball sizes for league games are as follows:

Under 5/6	Size 3
Under 7/8	Size 3
Under 9/10 & 12	Size 4
Under 14, 16 & 19	Size 5
2. A game ball that is acceptable to the referee will be provided for each league game by the coach of the home team.

B. Player Equipment

1. Shoes are required. They may be either sneakers or soccer shoes, but they must not create a hazard to any player.
2. Shin guards are required in all age groups.
3. A player shall not wear anything that is dangerous to another player, such as wristwatches, large rings, long neck chains, hard cast, etc.
4. The goalkeeper's shirt must be a distinctive color from his teammates, the other team, and the referee for easy identification.
5. The referee's decision regarding acceptable equipment is final.

SECTION IV - GAMES

A. Schedules

1. All games are scheduled by LYSA or its designee.

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a) Coaches cannot reschedule games. If both teams do not show up for a scheduled game at the appointed time and place, it will be recorded as a double forfeit.

B. Game Duration

1. The duration in minutes of each half of games will be:

Under 5/6	16 minutes
Under 7/8 & 9/10	25 minutes
Under 12	30 minutes
Under 14	35 minutes
Under 16	40 minutes
Under 19	45 minutes

2. The half-time interval shall be 10 minutes.

3. During the regular season, games may end in a tie.

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C. Cancellation

1. Games will only be canceled or terminated by the referee at game time when, in the opinion of the referee, the field is not in suitable condition for play and/or dangerous to players or if weather conditions do not allow for safe play.

a) Games canceled by the referee will include all games for that half-day. Morning games are any games with a starting time before 12:00 Noon and afternoon games are any games with a starting time of 12:00 Noon, or later.

b) The canceled games are rescheduled by the league commissioner or Scheduler.

c) If a game is canceled, the coaches must contact their league commissioner immediately.

2. League commissioners may cancel games for the reasons stated in Part 1.

3. If the referee terminates a game before the first half is completed, the game will be replayed.

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If a game is suspended after the second half is started, the game will be considered complete. This rule applies to games terminated or canceled for the reasons in Rule 1 above.

D. Forfeiture

1. If a team or teams fail to appear or to field at least 7 players (or two less than the number playing in short sided leagues) within 15 minutes

after the scheduled kickoff time, the referee shall report this to the Association and the game will be considered a forfeit.

2. The score of a forfeited game shall be recorded as 3 -0.

E. League Standings

1. Team standings for league competition shall be determined according to the number of points earned by the team. Points shall be awarded as follows:

Win	3 Points
Tie	1 Point
Loss	0 Point

2. If there is a tie on points, prior heads up competition will determine. If prior heads up games are equal, then goal differential will determine standings.

a) Goal differential will be computed as follows:

Goals scored per game less goals scored against per game with a maximum of 3 goal differential per game. All games played in league competition are included. The final total is then divided by the number of games actually played.

3. If there is still a tie, then a play-off game will determine the Champion.

a) If the game ends in a tie, there will be a three minute break followed by two overtime periods. At the end of the first overtime period teams will switch ends. Teams may substitute at the end of regulation time and in between the two overtime periods.

b) The duration of each of the overtime periods will be as follows:

U-7 through U-12 leagues	5 minutes
U-14 through U-19 leagues	10 minutes

1) At the end of overtime play, if the score is still tied, a winner shall be determined by a shootout, in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

4. LYSA tournaments will follow state tournament rules for tournament play.

F. Protests

1. Any protests must be filed, in writing, within 48 hours of the game and delivered to the league commissioner. If the league commissioner is not available, the vice-president of player relations should be contacted.

a) The referee must be made aware of the protest and the nature of the protest upon receipt of the protests in order that he may file his game report within 48 hours. The opposing coach will be

notified of the appeal upon receipt by LYSA.

2. The protesting team must turn in a written protest, along with a \$50.00, fee to the person contacted as set forth in Part 1. This report will be transmitted to the LYSA Executive Board for a decision.

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a) The coach(es) will be notified as to the protest hearing place, date and time.

b) The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld. However, it will not be returned if the protest is not upheld.

3. The referee's judgment cannot be protested. Only misapplication of FIFA Laws of the Game or the LYSA By-Laws can be protested.

4. The entire game or a portion of the game may be replayed as determined d by FIFA rules.

G. Complaints

1. Coaches have the right to make a formal complaint about field conditions, other coaches, players, referees, and spectators. A complaint is not to be confused with a protest in that a protest may result in the game being replayed.

a) Within 48 hours of the occurrence, the coach must speak to his league commissioner about the complaint. If the league commissioner is not available, the vice-president of player relations should be called. If the vice-president of player relations is not available, then any Executive Board member should be contacted.

b) Before the next scheduled game, a written complaint must be submitted to the person contacted in part a).

c) In the opinion of the league commissioner and vice-president of player relations, a complaint that requires immediate action will be the basis for an emergency meeting of the LYSA Board to be called by the president. Complaints not of a serious nature will be covered at the next scheduled meeting of the Board.

d) The involved parties shall be given written notice of the complaint hearing and shall have the right to address the Board and present witness and documents in support of their position.

e) Any punitive actions taken by the Executive Board can be appealed by the parties affected to the Louisiana Soccer Association.

f) An appeal can only be made within 7 days of the Executive Board decision.

2. Referees may make formal complaints against any coach, player, or spectator. Referee complaints must first go to the Executive Board of the Lafayette Referee Association. The Executive Board of the referees will determine the validity of the complaint and will make the appropriate report to the LYSA

Executive Board. Serious complaints will be handled within 5 days of its receipt by the LYSA Executive Board.

3. All disciplinary hearings shall comply with LSA hearing policies.

SECTION V - OFFICIALS

A. Administration

1. The Vice-President - Player Relations will appoint, subject to the approval of the LYSA Executive Board, an Area Commissioner for each area. The Area Commissioners will be responsible for team registration, selection, and uniform distribution. Any problems should be directed to the area commissioner.

2. The Vice-President - Player Relations will appoint, subject to the approval of the LYSA Executive Board, a League Commissioner for each age group. After team formation the League Commissioner is responsible for all teams in his or her league. All contacts are to be made through the league Commissioner.

3. The Vice-President - Player Relations or his designee, will assist coaches and referees as necessary to insure that games are conducted in an orderly and proper fashion and are in compliance with FIFA Law and the LYSA By-Laws.

When properly identified LYSA Executive Board members, Executive Board member of the Lafayette Referee Association, and the respective League Commissioners have the authority to remove from the field area any or all coaches or spectators. Any such action must be followed within five days by a detailed written report describing the incident submitted to the LYSA Executive Board. Any further action taken is at the discretion of the LYSA Executive Board. Only the referee has the right to terminate or suspend a game. The officials specified above may request such action of the referee if they feel that such action will assist the referee in maintaining his authority and control of the game.

5. Each year the outgoing General Board will publish recommended procedures for the area and league commissioners to follow for the following year.

B. Referees

1. Referees will be assigned by an Assignor approved by the LYSA Executive Board.

a) Coaches do not have a choice of referees, but do have the right of complaint as noted

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a) The Park Commissioner will act as the official representative of LYSA at all regularly scheduled games. They shall wear some item of identification (badge, cap, shirt, etc) as approved by the LYSA Executive Board as a symbol of their authority.¶

b) LYSA will endeavor to have Park Commissioners in attendance at all playing sites while regularly scheduled games are in progress.¶

c) As representatives of LYSA, Park Commissioners

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in Section IV, Part G.

2. The referee has total authority from the time he enters the area of the field until he leaves the area. He may caution and/or eject before the game. Any incidents after the game will be reported to the Executive Board.

3. Any disagreement with the actions of the referee by coaches must follow complaint procedures as set forth in Section IV, Part G.

C. Linesman

1. Referee linesman will be assigned when possible.

2. In the absence of a referee linesman, the referee may ask the teams to provide club linesman.

a) Club linesman shall assist the referee only in determining out-of-bounds. That is, he cannot call offside or whether a goal was scored.

b) Club linesmen must be age 12 or older.

SECTION VI - COACHES

A. Responsibilities and Duties

1. Coaches are responsible for maintaining order and respect for the authority of referees and linesman. Any coach verbally abusing a referee, linesman, player, coach or spectator will be subject to suspension.

2. No coach shall endeavor to run up a high score against any team. A high score is any goals in excess of a (5) goal lead. Any Coach found to have run up a high score shall be subject to suspension by LYSA.

3. Each coach shall assure that all players are registered with LYSA.

4. Only positive coaching will be allowed from the sidelines by one coach and one designated assistant coach. It is the responsibility of these individuals to make themselves known to the referee prior to the start of the game. Positive coaching is defined as instructing players as to position on the field and encouragement to do well. Foul or abusive language and/or gestures, severe criticism, and negative comments about the players or their play will not be tolerated. The decision as to what constitutes positive coaching will always rest with the referee and the officials designated in Section V. of the LYSA By-Laws.

a) The coaching staff is to be restricted to the sideline area five feet from the touch line when space is available, and each coach is to be

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allowed only 10 yards to the right or left of the mid-line on his side of the field.

b) Spectators and coaches must be on opposite sides of the field.

c) No one is allowed behind the goal line.

5. Coaches are required to abide by Section I, D(1)(B)(3) and D(1)(C)(12) concerning mandatory playing time. Failure to comply will result in coach's immediate suspension. A coach will have the right to appeal to the LYSA Executive Board.

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a) Any coach or assistant coach who suggests to a parent that they register their child using an address other than their primary residence address in order that the player would remain on or be placed on a team out of their primary residence Area, or aforesaid is followed through team formation, that coach and/or assistant coach shall be suspended from coaching in the LYSA for a period to be determined by the LYSA Executive Board.

7. Parents or guardians of players shall be directly notified when they are subject to LYSA disciplinary action.

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B. Coaching Limitations

1. Coaching positions. Head coach or Assistants will be restricted to coaching no more than 2 teams.

2. Age requirement for all head coaches is 18 years of age or older.

SECTION VII - CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS

A. Cautions (Player or Coach shown yellow card.)

1. Cautions may be issued to players and Coaches by the referee in accordance with the laws of the game.

2. Players or coaches receiving a Caution, should realize that the SECOND caution will result in immediate ejection.

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B. Ejections

Players and Coaches may be ejected by the referee in accordance with the laws of the game.

C. Ejections and Suspension

1. A coach or player who is ejected shall leave the immediate area of the playing field before recommencement of the game.

2. Refusal by an ejected coach or player to

leave the area of the playing field within the time specified by the referee shall result in suspension of the coach or player and immediate termination of the game pending a LYSA Executive Board decision.

3. A player who is ejected shall not be substituted for and his team shall play short.

4. A player or coach who is ejected shall be prohibited from participation in at least the next scheduled league game or scheduled tournament game his team plays. Additional punishment may be imposed as the LYSA Executive Board deems appropriate.

5. A coach or player who is ejected from two games in any season shall be prohibited from participation in LYSA competition for the remainder of the season. A player receiving 4 cautions in one season for the offense in Part A-1.c (Dissent of referee's decision by word or action) carries the same penalty. A coach receiving 4 cautions in one season carries the same 4 caution penalty. Anyone suspended has the right to make any appeal to the LYSA Executive Board. Additional sanctions may be imposed by the LYSA Board as they see fit. For purposes of this section an ejection will count as 2 cautions for the 4 caution penalty.

6. A player or coach who intentionally assaults a referee, linesman, player, coach, or spectator shall be prohibited from participation in LYSA competition for an indefinite period and shall be reported to the Louisiana Soccer Association for further action.

7. Spectators and parents are subject to suspension from LYSA activities for violation of: (1) LYSA By-laws, rules and policies; (2) ISA By-laws, rules and policies; (3) the Laws of the Game; (4) United States Soccer Federation Policy; and (5) all Lafayette City-Parish Recreation Department ordinances, rules, guidelines, policies and Parent Code of Conduct.

SECTION VIII - SUBSTITUTIONS

A. Players and Substitutions

1. Except for disciplinary reasons, all registered players in attendance at a game shall participate and play at least half of the game. Disciplinary reasons shall be reported to the opposing coach and the referee before the start of the game.

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2. Approximately halfway through the first half of every game and approximately halfway through the second half, the referee shall halt the game (at a throw-in, corner kick, goal kick, or kickoff) and signal for substitution. Each coach may then

substitute as many players as desired. Free substitutions as outlined in USYSA playing rules are allowed in all Premier team and Division 1 games and Recreational games for U11 teams and older, if approved by the LYSA Executive Board.

3. Substitutions shall also be permitted:

a) At half time

b) To replace an injured or ill player if play has been stopped by the referee

4. No more than one minute shall be allowed for substitutions. During that time, only players shall enter the field and no player shall leave the field unless being replaced. Coaches are not allowed upon the field during substitutions.

5. Teams that start a game short of players will be allowed to put late players into the game with permission of the referee.

6. A player on the field of play may replace the goalkeeper at any time with the permission of the referee.

Deleted: c) To replace any other player for health reasons (such as asthma) provided the need has been noted on the game report before the start of the year.

SECTION IX - AMENDMENTS

A. Amendments to By-Laws

1. Proposed amendments to the By-Laws may be submitted by any member of the Association. They shall be in writing to the Executive Board at least two months prior to the next scheduled annual meeting.

2. After discussion, the Executive Board will send the proposed amendments with any comments or recommendations it might have to the voting members of the Association. This will be done at least one week prior to the next general membership meeting.

3. Amendments sent to the membership from the Executive Board requires a simple majority vote of the membership present for adoption. Changes presented from the floor to any proposed amendment under consideration must be germane to the amendment. Such changes require a two-thirds vote of the membership present for adoption.

B. Amendments Made at the General Membership Meeting

1. Amendments from the floor will not be voted upon at that meeting, as the formal process described above has not been met.

Deleted: SECTION IX - SEASON WINNERS AND TOURNAMENT SEATS
 A. Season winners are not guaranteed a tournament seat.
 B. Guidelines each year will determine tournament seats according to LSA Policy.

APPENDIX ITEAM FORMATION

Drafting order will be as follows:

- 1) Coaches of non-returning teams.
 - 2) Coaches coming up from a lower age group coaching non-returning teams.
 - 3) Coaches from a returning team from a lower age group.
 - 4) Coaches of returning teams from within the same age group.
- The drafting order within each grouping will be determined by drawing lots.

A returning team is 6 or more for U-13 and above, 5 or more for U7/8/9/10/11/12, and 4 or more for the U-5/6. The head coach can be the prior year coach or any other coach as long as the addition of a new head coach does not add a player to the team. Each player has right to say that he is or is not going to be on his returning team. The player must exercise this right prior to the draft, either at registration or by contacting his Area Commissioner. The coach does not have the right to reject certain players; that is, a coach takes all of the players who desire to be on the team or he takes none. A coach cannot combine 2 returning teams of 6 or more to form one team. Late registrants forfeit their returning player status and will be assigned to teams by the Area Commissioner alphabetically in draft order.

Returning team coaches will draft in the rounds designated by the attached chart.

A head coach's child is not included in the draft roster, but is automatically on his father's team. Assistant coach's children are included in the draft. An assistant coach's children are not guaranteed to any team, so if a head coach wants a certain assistant, he will need to draft the assistant's child as soon as possible.

Coaches can only draft players that are present for the callouts. Players that miss the callouts will be assigned to teams alphabetically in draft order by the Area Commissioner.

In U-19 boys, non-returning players will be drafted on a parish wide basis.

DRAFT ORDER

9 MAN TEAMS

RETURNING PLAYERS - DRAFT IN THE

<u>4</u>	"	"	"	"	"	<u>1,3,5,7,9 ROUNDS</u>
5	"	"	"	"	"	1,4,7,9 ROUNDS
6	"	"	"	"	"	1,5,9 ROUND
7	"	"	"	"	"	1,9 ROUNDS
8	"	"	"	"	"	5 ROUNDS

10 MAN TEAMS

RETURNING PLAYERS - DRAFT IN THE

<u>4</u>	"	"	"	"	"	<u>1,3,5,6,8,10 ROUNDS</u>
5	"	"	"	"	"	1,3,6,8,10 ROUNDS
6	"	"	"	"	"	1,4,7,10 ROUNDS
7	"	"	"	"	"	1,5,10 ROUNDS
8	"	"	"	"	"	1,10 ROUNDS
9	"	"	"	"	"	5 ROUNDS

11 MAN TEAMS

RETURNING PLAYERS - DRAFT IN THE

5	"	"	"	"	"	1,3,5,7,9,11 ROUNDS
6	"	"	"	"	"	1,3,6,9,11 ROUNDS
7	"	"	"	"	"	1,4,7,11 ROUNDS
8	"	"	"	"	"	1,6,11 ROUNDS
9	"	"	"	"	"	1,11 ROUNDS
10	"	"	"	"	"	6 ROUNDS

12 MAN TEAMS

RETURNING PLAYERS - DRAFT IN THE

5	"	"	"	"	"	1,3,5,7,9,10,12 ROUNDS
6	"	"	"	"	"	1,4,6,8,10,12 ROUNDS
7	"	"	"	"	"	1,4,7,10,12 ROUNDS
8	"	"	"	"	"	1,5,9,12 ROUNDS
9	"	"	"	"	"	1,7,12 ROUNDS
10	"	"	"	"	"	1,12 ROUNDS
11	"	"	"	"	"	6 ROUNDS

13 MAN TEAMS

RETURNING PLAYERS - DRAFT IN THE

5	"	"	"	"	"	1,3,5,7,9,11,12,13 RDS
6	"	"	"	"	"	1,3,5,7,9,11,13 RDS
7	"	"	"	"	"	1,4,7,10,12,13 ROUNDS
8	"	"	"	"	"	1,4,7,10,13 ROUNDS
9	"	"	"	"	"	1,5,9,13 ROUNDS
10	"	"	"	"	"	1,7,13 ROUNDS
11	"	"	"	"	"	1,13 ROUNDS
12	"	"	"	"	"	7 ROUNDS

14 MAN TEAMS

RETURNING PLAYERS - DRAFT IN THE

5	"	"	"	"	"	1,3,5,7,8,9,11,13,14
6	"	"	"	"	"	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,14 RDS
7	"	"	"	"	"	1,4,7,10,12,13,14 RDS
8	"	"	"	"	"	1,4,7,10,13,14 ROUNDS
9	"	"	"	"	"	1,5,9,13,14 ROUNDS
10	"	"	"	"	"	1,6,10,14 ROUNDS
11	"	"	"	"	"	1,8,14 ROUNDS
12	"	"	"	"	"	1,14 ROUNDS
<u>13</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>7 ROUND</u>

15 MAN TEAMS

RETURNING PLAYERS - DRAFT IN THE

5	"	"	"	"	"	1,2,4,5,7,8,10,11,14,15
6	"	"	"	"	"	1,3,5,6,9,10,11,12,15
7	"	"	"	"	"	1,4,5,7,9,11,13,15 RDS
8	"	"	"	"	"	1,4,6,9,11,14,15 ROUNDS
9	"	"	"	"	"	1,4,7,10,13,15 ROUNDS
10	"	"	"	"	"	1,5,9,13,15 ROUNDS
11	"	"	"	"	"	1,6,11,15 ROUNDS
12	"	"	"	"	"	1,8,15 ROUNDS
<u>13</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1,15 ROUNDS</u>
<u>14</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>8 ROUNDS</u>

16 MAN TEAMS

RETURNING PLAYERS - DRAFT IN THE

6	"	"	"	"	"	1,2,3,5,6,8,9,10,11,13,16
7	"	"	"	"	"	1,3,5,6,9,10,11,13,16
8	"	"	"	"	"	1,3,5,7,9,11,13,16 RDS
9	"	"	"	"	"	1,3,7,10,11,14,16 ROUNDS
10	"	"	"	"	"	1,4,6,9,12,16 ROUNDS
11	"	"	"	"	"	1,4,8,11,16 ROUNDS

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12	"	"	"	"	"	1,5,10,16 ROUNDS
<u>13</u>	"	"	"	"	"	<u>1,8,16 ROUNDS</u>
<u>14</u>	"	"	"	"	"	<u>1,16 ROUNDS</u>
<u>15</u>	"	"	"	"	"	<u>8 ROUNDS</u>

17 MAN TEAMSRETURNING PLAYERS - DRAFT IN THE

<u>6</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1,2,4,5,7,9,11,12,14,16,17</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1,2,4,5,7,9,12,14,16,17RDS</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1,4,6,8,9,10,12,15,17 RDS</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1,4,6,9,12,15,17 ROUNDS</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1,4,6,9,12,15,17 ROUNDS</u>
<u>11</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1,4,8,11,14,17 ROUNDS</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1,5,9,13,17 ROUNDS</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1,8,15,17 ROUNDS</u>
<u>14</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1,9,17 ROUNDS</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1,17 ROUNDS</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>9 ROUNDS</u>

18 MAN TEAMSRETURNING PLAYERS - DRAFT IN THE

<u>6</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1,2,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,16,18</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1,2,4,5,7,9,11,12,14,16,18 RDS</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1,2,4,5,7,9,12,14,16,18 RDS</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1,2,4,7,9,12,14,16,18 ROUNDS</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1,3,7,9,12,14,16,18 ROUNDS</u>
<u>11</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1,3,7,9,12,15,18 ROUNDS</u>

APPENDIX II**LYSA Guidelines for Coaching Discipline**

1. Zero tolerance for dissent towards referees. Any coach receiving a red card for dissent towards a referee's decision (first time offense) will receive a minimum two game suspension. Second time offenders will receive twice the penalty. Any additional offense will be punished by being suspended for the remainder of the season.
2. Failure by the coach to play players minimum playing requirements in any given game unless specified as player misconduct, see rule C,1 ,b and C,2. will result in a forfeiture of the game and a minimum one game suspension of the coach. Any additional offense will be punished by being suspended for the remainder of the season.
3. Playing of any player not on the roster of the team by the coach will result in a forfeiture of the game and a minimum three game suspension of the coach. Any additional offense will be punished by being suspended for the remainder of the season.
4. Draft Misconduct by Coaches
 - a. Encouraging returning players from your own team to re-enter the draft. Minimum 1 year suspension and one year probation.
 - b. Registering potential returning players that do not intend to return to ensure lower roster size. Minimum 1 year suspension and one year probation.
 - c. Encouraging players to not return to their returning team to allow that coach an opportunity to draft them. Minimum 1 year suspension and one year probation.
 - d. Encouraging a player to falsify their home residence address or playing age. Minimum 1 year suspension and one year probation.
5. Abuse by Coaches
 - a. Intentionally over exercising a weaker player in order to run off the player. Minimum 1 year suspension and one year probation.
 - b. Violent conduct with any player, coach or referee. Minimum 1-year suspension and one year probation.
 - c. Verbally abusing any player, coach or referee. Minimum 1-year suspension and one year probation.
6. Endeavoring to run up the score above the 5 goal differential by a coach will result in a verbal reprimand for the first offense, subsequent offenses will result in a one game suspension.

APPENDIX III
LYSA Division 1 Guidelines

PLAYER SELECTION:

DRAFT PROCEDURES:

No player will be assigned to a team - they must be drafted by the coach.

There is NO GUARANTEE that all players be drafted/placed onto a team.

Draft order will be determined by drawing lots.

Draft will be conducted with each coach picking in each round regardless of the number of players on the roster.

Draft progression will be serpentine order (1, 2, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1,) until all players are selected or until the team is filled to the coach's desired size above minimum.

PLAYING TIME:

LYSA strongly recommends that playing time be maximized for all players. Because Division 1 teams are formed exclusively of players who the coach has invited to play, all players need and deserve to play with exceptions for disciplinary reasons. Coaches should keep this in mind when deciding on the number of players to be invited.

Each player is guaranteed a MINIMUM of 30% playing time in all games except for legitimate disciplinary reasons in accordance with LYSA Bylaw Section II (C).

TRAINERS:

Use of trainers (paid or volunteer) shall be determined by LYSA. Trainers must register with LYSA and must successfully complete the LYSA Risk Management procedure.

REGISTRATION FEES:

The LYSA Executive Board will set Division 1 registration fees. There will be no league play unless authorized by the LYSA Executive Board. Fields can be scheduled through the LYSA office. Referees can be scheduled with the LSRA scheduler.

SPRING TEAM FORMATION (for fall REC teams):

Standings will be compiled for the fall Rec season. The top ranked team in each age group will have the option to play Division 1 in the spring. Should the top team elect to not participate in Division-1, the second place team will have that option. Spring formed teams will carry their fall roster with a maximum of 5 transfers and unlimited additional players. "Spring" teams will be subject to Division-1 guidelines for Division-1 play.

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Division 1 try-out registration forms will contain the following options for each player to express his/her preference to play for a specific coach. Player preferences are not guaranteed.
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1. I refuse to play for coach
2. I prefer to play for coach
3. I have no preference. (Will play for any coach in age group)
Deleted: Coach's Options:
No coach is obligated to select any player onto the team regardless of player preference.

Deleted: A coach designated by player's preference will have first option to place that player on the coaches team, but no coach is required to accept a player who requests to play for him/her.
Once all player preferences have been addressed, the remaining players - those with no stated preference or those not chosen by their preferred coach - will be drafted until teams are filled to LYSA minimum size.

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Deleted: If paid trainers are utilized, their cost is solely the responsibility of the team.

Deleted: Volunteer Disclosure Form

c) Division 1 Teams

- 1) Teams will be formed by open tryouts. Tryouts may only be held after the State Cup in the team's age group and the end of the Premier Dead Period in the same age group.

ALL players must attend at least one try-out to be eligible to play in Division 1.

D1 Team formation must be completed before the fall Recreational callouts.

Participation on an LYSA Division 1 team is by invitation only. There is NO guarantee that any player will be invited to play in Div-1. No team shall be required to accept any player other than those drafted by the coach.

LYSA Policy determines the maximum roster size for Division 1 teams.

Minimum roster size is number playing plus 2.

Player's shall be allowed to express their preference to play for a specific coach and may decline any invitation to join a team. There is no guarantee that all players will be drafted or placed on a team.

Coaches, parents and players shall refrain from using criticism of other teams, players and/or coaches to encourage players to accept an invitation to join a team.

The number of players trying out and the minimum team size will determine the number of coaches selected and teams formed.

In the event there are more coaches than teams that can be formed, LYSA will designate coaches only if the coach candidates cannot reach an agreement as to team formation. The LYSA Executive Board retains right of approval for all coaches. A candidate's previous disciplinary history can play a role in approval.

When LYSA must select a coach the following criteria will be used:

- a. LYSA Board approval
 - b. Coaching license level
 - c. Years coaching in LYSA/CSC
- Total years coaching/playing.

Division 1 teams may be formed by combining Recreational teams.

Each Division 1 player is guaranteed a MINIMUM of 30% playing time in all games except for valid disciplinary reasons. The Division 1 Guidelines contained in Appendix III shall be followed in administering the LYSA Division 1 Program. These guidelines may be modified by the LYSA Executive Board at any time.