

LONGVIEW SOCCER CLUB (LSC)
2013
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**2012-2013
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THE COACH

The Coach is the most important person to the kids in the Youth Soccer Program. It is the unselfish giving of your time, knowledge of the game, patience, and understanding that wins the allegiance of your team and their parents. You, like the volunteer referee, must prepare for the most important events each week, the mid-week and Saturday game. The kids are always eager to enter into the spirit of competition and enjoy the fun of participation. As a coach, you can have your finest moment in victory but to be a really great coach you must be able to take defeat with poise, dignity and positive attitude that next week will be different. You are the leader that the kids look to for encouragement, guidance and to set an example, as your behavior is often reflected in the players' performance and duplicated by the parents on the sidelines. An angry word directed towards the referee, the opposing coach or a player could change the whole complexion of the game. In an instant, the spirit of good sportsmanship and friendly competition can turn into a fierce, aggressive battle. Even the parental cheering section can change into a disorganized mob of jeering hecklers. The excitement and suspense of the game then becomes an impatient wait for the final whistle to sound. Soccer, unlike other American sports, has no place for harassment. Nothing that you or spectators can say will influence the outcome of the game, as the referees' decisions on the field are final according to its laws. If as a coach you feel that the referee made an incorrect interpretation of the rules which affected the outcome of your game, you have a right to protest his decision. It is suggested that you notify your Club Commissioner, prior to filing a protest.

LONGVIEW SOCCER CLUB CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME AND DURATION

Section 1 – The Longview Soccer Club hereinafter referred to as LSC, is a non-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Washington.

Section 2 – The duration of this corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE

Section 1 – The objectives of LSC are to:

- a) Promote and further develop the game of soccer.
- b) Organize and govern the game of soccer for youth within the City of Longview, however, it shall not be limited to that area.
- c) Establish uniform Rules and Regulations applicable to youth soccer competition in this area consistent with the principles and laws of the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA – the world governing body for soccer), and those of the Washington State Youth Soccer Association (WSYSA – a division of USSF), and those of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF – affiliated with FIFA).
 1. Where conditions and circumstances prevent full compliance, LSC shall effect deviation best suited to its own particular needs.
- d) Develop the game in non-affiliated areas within our territory.
- e) Provide programs for the membership, as required.
- f) Administer and conduct competitions, as required.
- g) Represent this area in all matters of organized Youth Soccer with regards to the WSYSA, the USYSA, USSF and interested parties.

Section 2 – The purposes of the LSC is educational and includes the following:

- a) Teach and train players, coaches and referees.
- b) Teach through the game of soccer, sportsmanship, physical health and mental alertness.

ARTICLE III – JURISDICTION

Section 1 – The LSC shall have jurisdiction over its entire member youth soccer teams, players and associated individuals within the area.

ARTICLE IV – AFFILIATION

Section 1 – The LSC shall be affiliated with the WSYSA, an affiliation of the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), division of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF).

ARTICLE V – FINANCIAL POLICY

Section 1 – The LSC is and shall be a non-profit organization.

Section 2 – Dissolution – Should the LSC be dissolved, all monetary assets remaining after payment of all debts shall be turned over to any remaining member clubs in Cowlitz County which have qualified under Section 501 (c) (3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and shall be divided proportionally to the number of registered teams. Physical assets shall be held in trust by remaining member clubs.

ARTICLE VI – ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 1 – The LSC Board of Directors shall be governed by its Constitution and by-laws except when those of the WSYSA and USYSA supersede these.

Section 2 – The LSC Board of Directors shall have the authority from time to time to issue policies or instructions necessary to interpret, clarify or further define its Constitution, by-laws and Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE VII – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – The membership of the LSC shall consist of incorporated and unincorporated organizations engaged in youth soccer within the area assigned to it by the WSYSA which agree to be bound by the Constitution, by-laws and Rules and Regulations of the LSC and which shall be admitted to membership in accordance with the by-laws of the LSC.

ARTICLE VIII – ADMINISTRATION

Section 1 - The governing authority of the LSC shall be vested with the Board of Directors.

Section 2 – The Board of Directors shall be composed of the Executive Board and Committees.

Section 3 – The Executive Board consists of the officers of LSC.

Section 4 – The LSC shall be governed by its Constitution, by-laws and Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS

Section 1 – The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of all members of the LSC shall be held for the primary purpose of electing the Executive Board.

Section 2 – Meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board are considered business meetings and shall be called as defined in the by-laws.

ARTICLE X – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1 – All meetings of the LSC shall be conducted using the current edition of “Roberts Rules of Order” as a guide.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

Section 1 – Proposed changes or amendments to the Constitution can only be affected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Section 2 – Such proposed changes or amendments must be made in writing to the LSC secretary at least 60 days prior to the AGM at which they are to be acted on.

Section 3 – All approved changes or amendments shall be included in the AGM minutes.

**LONGVIEW SOCCER CLUB
BY-LAWS**

ARTICLE I – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 – The Board of Directors is composed of the “Executive Board” and the “Committees”.

ARTICLE II – EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1 – The Executive Board (officers) of the LSC shall consist of the President, the First Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Head Registrar.

- a) The Executive Board shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Section 2- Conflict of Interest Policy for LSC: We, the Board of Directors of Longview Soccer Club, resolve that no member of the Board of Directors shall participate in any discussion or vote on any matter in which he or she or a member of his or her immediate family has potential conflict of interest due to having material economic involvement or potential personal or professional profit or gain regarding the matter being discussed. When such a situation presents itself, the board member must announce his or her potential conflict, disqualify himself or herself, and be excused from the meeting until discussion is over on the matter involved. The President of the meeting is expected to make inquiry if such conflict appears to exist and the board member has not made it known. By being elected to the Board of Directors of Longview Soccer Club, a board member agrees to abide by this policy.

Section 3- The Executive Board shall be responsible for conducting the business and administering the affairs of the LSC to include, but not limited to, the following:

- a) Enforcing the Constitution, by-laws, Rules and Regulations of LSC.
- b) Approval of formation and operation of all tournaments.

- c) Approval of Intrastate play.
- d) Recommendations to the Board of Directors for suspension or removal of LSC Officers.

Section 4 – The Executive Board shall meet as set forth in ARTICLE VII herein.

Section 5 – The President and Secretary shall be elected in odd calendar years for a period of two (2) successive years. The First Vice-President, Treasurer and Head Registrar shall be elected in even calendar years for a period of two (2) successive years. The term of office for LSC office shall commence at the AGM at which they are elected. Any Officer being absent without cause from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Executive Board of Board of Directors meetings or being negligent in duties to LSC shall be subject to suspension or removal by the Board of Directors.

Section 6- Duties of Officers

1. President: The President shall supervise all activities of the LSC. He/she is the general representative of LSC in all matters, including public relations. He/she shall also be the LSC Commissioner and representative to the WSYSA, which tasks he/she may delegate. He shall be the LSC representative to the WSYSA District 5 Board, a position he/she may delegate. He/she shall serve as Chairman at all meetings of the LSC.
2. First Vice-President: The First Vice-President shall succeed to the power of the President in his/her absence, during illness, or at his resignation, otherwise he/she shall assist the President as is necessary. He/she shall supervise the activities of the Vice-President of the LSC.
 - a) Changes/Amendments to LSC Constitution, by-laws and Rules and Regulations.
 - b) Nominations and AGM arrangements.
 - c) Act as the Disciplinary Committee Chairman.
 - d) Secure proof of insurance for all LSC playing fields through WSYSA as necessary for all member clubs.
3. Secretary: The Secretary shall attend to and be custodian of all LSC trophies, office assets and correspondence, shall record, publish and mail all meeting minutes and give proper notice of all typing, reproduction, mailing and filing support for the Executive Board and shall be reimbursed according to the approved budget. The Secretary shall compile and publish the LSC Directory and Annual Report and shall present a calendar for all regular meetings for the coming year at the AGM.
4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be bonded and shall deposit all monies received in a chartered bank, Savings and Loan or Credit Union in the name of the LSC. All amounts shall be paid by check, which shall be signed by any two of the following three (3) officers: Treasurer, President and First Vice-President. The Executive Board shall first authorize all disbursements of LSC items and the treasurer shall prepare financial reports on a monthly basis or as requested by the Executive Board. He/she

shall prepare a proposed budget for each fiscal year. (See ARTICLE VI for details on finances for the LSC.)

ARTICLE III – VOTING AND QUORUM

Section 1 – Voting

- a) President may exercise his vote in case of tie.
- b) The following matters require a simple majority of those voting to carry a motion at the AGM, and 2/3 majority at any other scheduled meeting.
 - 1) Constitution and by-laws changes.
 - 2) Approval of/or changes to the budget (including assessments).
 - 3) Removal of officers.
- c) In all other matters, a simple majority of those voting is necessary to carry the motion.
- d) Voting may be carried out by email, the secretary shall keep records of each email vote and report the final decision to the Board

Section 2 – Quorum

- a) A quorum for all Board of Directors meetings shall consist of those present after proper notification of the meeting.

ARTICLE VI – FINANCES

Section 1 – Fiscal Year – The fiscal year of the LSC begins January 1st and ends the last day of December of each year. All financial rules and regulations are in effect during the twelve (12) months of the fiscal year.

Section 2 – Budget – The Treasurer shall oversee the budget and work with the Executive Board for preparing said budget. The provisional budget shall be presented to the Board of Directors within four (4) weeks following the Annual General Meeting.

Section 3 – Audit – The financial books and accounts of the LSC maintained by the Treasurer, can be audited once yearly prior to the Annual General Meeting. Once (1) week prior to the Annual General Meeting, a fiscal year statement of sources and uses of funds, certified by the auditor, shall be submitted by the Treasurer to the Secretary for inclusion into the Annual Report.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

Section 1 – The Annual General Meeting shall be held in November at a time and place specified by the Board of Directors, for the purpose of election of the Executive

Committee and to formulate any changes in the Constitution, by-laws or Rules and Regulations.

Section 2 – Board of Directors Meetings – The Board of Directors will meet the second Monday of each month excluding December. Additional meetings can be called when necessary.

Section 3 – The Executive Board shall be empowered to meet in order to conduct the running of business of LSC at the call of the President.

ARTICLE VIII – JURISDICTION

Section 1 – Association Jurisdiction

- a) Insurance – LSC shall maintain medical liability insurance for all players through the WSYSA. Shall also obtain liability insurance for Board of Directors.
- b) Certifying (and training) officials.
- c) Scheduling.
- d) Protests.
- e) Development.
- f) Team Standings.
- g) Dates of Final Team Registration.
- h) Establishing standards for equipment, uniforms and fields.
- i) Establishing a fixed registration fee for insurance and administration cost only.

ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES

Section 1 – Committees shall be established by LSC during each fiscal year, as required, to satisfy the programs and needs for orderly and timely implementation will be based upon approved budget items or may require approval of additional expenditure. Appointment or removal of Committee Directors is subject to Executive Board Approval. Respective LSC Vice-President shall supervise committee activities. Committee Directors shall administer their respective activities and shall be responsible to the Executive Board through their respective Vice-President. Reporting and communications shall follow in the same order.

ARTICLE X – DISCIPLINARY

Section 1 – Disciplinary Rulings

- a) The Executive Board shall have the power to affect the penalties when the LSC Constitution, by-laws, or Rules and Regulations are violated. Penalties may consist of warnings, temporary or permanent exclusion from the activities of the LSC.

- b) The Executive Board shall have the power to penalize any player, coach whose actions are detrimental to the purpose of LSC or have willfully violated the Constitution, by-laws, or Rules and Regulations of LSC after an opportunity to be heard before the Executive Board is afforded. Penalties may consist of warnings, temporary or permanent suspension from participation in activities of the LSC or member clubs.
- c) Any bodily assault on an official prior to, during or after a game by a member of LSC shall be reported to LSC. The offending member shall receive a hearing by the Executive Board within ten (10) days, and if found guilty, shall be suspended from further activities of LSC.
- d) Falsification of records shall be grounds for disbarment from future participation and/or membership in at LSC.

Section 2 – Protests and Appeals

- a) Properly formed Judiciary Committee approved by the Executive Board shall have authority to deal with all protests and ejections arising out of all competitions.
 - 1) All protests must be submitted to the Vice-President in writing within 72 hours following the game.
 - 2) The Vice-President shall be chairman and vote only in the case of a tie. The Vice-President shall serve as the alternate chairman.
 - 3) The Committee shall be formed from members of LSC at the request of the Vice-President.
 - 4) No member should participate if he feels that he could not render an impartial decision.
 - 5) The Committee shall consist of not less than a chairman and 4 members.
 - 6) Judgment made by the referee shall not be grounds for protest.
- b) Any person, teams or club desiring to appeal decisions made under the aspect of Section 2, Paragraph a) above, must submit a written appeal Executive Board (LSC Secretary) not later than eight (8) days after the first decision was made.
- c) Decisions rendered by the LSC Executive Board shall be binding on all parties involved.
- d) Further appeals regarding a LSC decision or protest must be submitted to District 5. Fee to be determined by District 5. Further appeals regarding a District 5 decision or protest must be submitted to WSYSA. Fee to be determined by State.
- e) Appeals on decision by the WSYSA Committee must be forwarded with a fee to be determined by the USYSA Regional Protest and Appeals Committee Chairman.
- f) In all cases of protests and appeals, the respective fee must accompany two (2) copies of the protest or appeal, along with any supporting documents.
- g) In the matter of protests and appeals, no person, team or club may invoke the aid of any Attorney-at-Law or the Courts of any state or the United States without first exhausting all available remedies within the body of organized soccer.

ARTICLE XI – INSURANCE

Section 1 – Liability Insurance – All officers, Board of Directors, Committee Directors of LSC shall be covered against personal liability claims by LSC for performing acts and duties directly related to the work of LSC.

Section 2 – Accident Insurance – All players, coaches and officials registered with LSC shall be adequately insured against accidental bodily injuries sustained while participating in, directly going to or returning from a game, practice or exhibition sponsored and supervised by LSC and its member.

ARTICLE XIII – RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 1 – The LSC Rules and Regulations shall establish league regulations, rules of competition, rules of play and special rules and shall govern all competition administered by LSC.

Section 2 – Standing rules defining LSC Committee functions and Committee Directors’ responsibilities will be developed by the Executive Board.

Section 3 – Changes and amendments shall only be affected by the Board of Directors in accordance with Article VII herein.

ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS

Section 1 – Proposed changes or amendments to these by-laws can only be affected at the Board of Directors Meetings.

Section 2 – Such proposed changes or amendments must be made in writing to the LSC Secretary.

LONGVIEW SOCCER CLUB (LSC)
RULES AND REGULATIONS

PHILOSOPHY

It is the intent of the LSC to provide young people a means for recreation and enjoyment, and an opportunity to achieve excellence through participation in the game of soccer. The principles of governing competition (among its members) shall include development of physical fitness, mental alertness, leadership and good sportsmanship. All members shall recognize and adhere to the principle that the manner of play outweighs the victory. It shall be the responsibility of the coaches to encourage courtesy, sportsmanlike conduct and respect for authority by players, parents and spectators.

Introduction

LSC plays and operates according the rules of the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), and the Washington State Youth Soccer Association (WSYSA). In short, FIFA administers and legislates on the international level, USYSA on the national level, and WSYSA on the state and local level. WSYSA'S general procedures and rules of competition appear in the WSYSA Operating Procedure Manual. CYSA rules of competition will conform to WSYSA rules of competition.

SECTION 1: GENERAL RULES

Rule 1 – Seasonal Year

The seasonal year of LSC shall be September 1 to August 31.

Rule 2 – Classification of Team Formation

Teams shall be formed according to equal age grouping as follows, for all competition unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.

Age groupings on teams for both boys and girls for 2013-2014 season are:

Under 18 years of age	August 1, 1995	July 31, 1996
Under 17 years of age	August 1, 1996	July 31, 1997
Under 16 years of age	August 1, 1997	July 31, 1998
Under 15 years of age	August 1, 1998	July 31, 1999
Under 14 years of age	August 1, 1999	July 31, 2000
Under 13 years of age	August 1, 2000	July 31, 2001
Under 12 years of age	August 1, 2001	July 31, 2002
Under 11 years of age	August 1, 2002	July 31, 2003
Under 10 years of age	August 1, 2003	July 31, 2004
Under 9 years of age	August 1, 2004	July 31, 2005
Under 8 years of age	August 1, 2005	July 31, 2006
Under 7 years of age	August 1, 2006	July 31, 2007
Under 6 years of age	August 1, 2007	July 31, 2008

Only officially and properly registered players may participate in a game scheduled by LSC. Infringement of this rule is subject to disciplinary review and may result in forfeiture of a game by the team playing unregistered player or players.

Rule 3 – Player and Team Registration

- a) LSC shall have a registrar responsible for proper registration of players within the club, including team affiliation and obtaining proof of age of players. Each child who wants to play in LSC must supply a photocopy of valid birth certificate, passport, or a certificate issued by the INS.
- b) Any player dropping out or being added to a team must be brought to the attention of the registrar for insurance purposes.

- c) No team shall have more than eighteen (18) players. Teams are permitted to carry from eleven to eighteen players for local league play in order to play. (See Mod/Micro rule #1 for U6 to U11 recommendations).
- d) Washington State rules now require all soccer players from U6 to U19 to have completed player cards, which includes a photo, player's signature, and lamination. For U6 to U9, coaches are required to review the other team's player cards prior to the start of the game. For U10 and up, coaches are required to provide their team's completed cards, along with their Bonzi-generated roster, to the referee for their review prior to the start of the game.
- e) Divisions will be divided by sex whenever possible.

Rule 4 – Uniforms

- a) Each team must field players wearing a basic uniform to include:
 - 1) Shorts
 - 2) Top of Basic Team Color
 - 3) Shoes (Soccer shoes as deemed safe by the referee)
 - 4) Socks
 - 5) Shin Guards under socks (Mandatory)
- b) Home team shall be responsible for wearing contrasting color.
- c) When the weather is inclement, players may wear tight fitting tights or sweatpants tucking into socks, shirt underneath their uniform, gloves, and stocking caps at the discretion of the referee.

SECTION 2: RULES OF COMPETITION

Rule 1 – Game Duration and Ball Size

Age Group	Game Duration	Ball Size	Circumference	Weight
Under 18	Two 45 Min. Halves	#5	27" - 28"	14 - 16 oz.
Under 17	Two 45 Min. Halves	#5	27" - 28"	14 - 16 oz.
Under 16	Two 40 Min. Halves	#5	27" - 28"	14 - 16 oz.
Under 15	Two 40 Min. Halves	#5	27" - 28"	14 - 16 oz.
Under 14	Two 35 Min. Halves	#5	27" - 28"	14 - 16 oz.
Under 13	Two 35 Min. Halves	#5	27" - 28"	14 - 16 oz.
Under 12	Two 30 Min. Halves	#4	25" - 26"	11 - 13 oz.
Under 11	Two 30 Min. Halves	#4	25" - 26"	11 - 13 oz.
Under 10	Two 28 Min. Halves	#4	25" - 26"	11 - 13 oz.
Under 9	Two 25 Min. Halves	#4	25" - 26"	11 - 13 oz.
	Time will stop at 5 minute intervals			
Under 8	Two 24 Min. Halves	#3	23" - 24"	8 - 10 oz.
	Time will stop at 4 minute intervals			
Under 7	Two 18 Min. Halves	#3	23" - 24"	8 - 10 oz.
	Time will stop at 3 minute intervals			

Under 6 Two 18 Min. Halves #3 23" - 24" 8 - 10 oz.
Time will stop at 3 minute intervals

Rule 2 – Scorekeeping and Team Standings U-12 and above

- a) Conference and/or division standings shall be based on the award of two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie and zero (0) points for a loss.
- b) The LSC Statistician will be the official keeper of the standings. He or she shall publish, on a periodic basis, the official results of the league divisional standings.
- c) It shall be the responsibility of both team coaches to call the score into the LSC statistician within seventy-two hours in order to be tabulated in the official standings. Corrections to published standings will only be accepted within 72 hours of publication.

Rule 3 – Cancellations, Rescheduling and Forfeiture

- a) All games should be played on the day and time scheduled. To declare a field unplayable due to adverse weather conditions will be the referee's prerogative only. He/she will notify the LSC Vice-President upon a cancellation.
- b) Requests for rescheduling a game must be directed to the Vice-President and the Statistician by the coach initiating the change.
- c) If both teams are properly notified of their scheduled match, and one team fails to show up, following a fifteen (15) minute grace period, the game will be forfeited to the showing team with a score of 1-0. If both teams fail to show, both teams will forfeit by a loss of 1-0.
- d) Any delay of a game over fifteen (15) minutes man-made or by the "Act of God", the game shall be canceled and rescheduled by the Vice-President.
- e) Failure of a scheduled referee to show up will not be cause for game cancellation. A substitute referee shall be chosen upon mutual agreement of both coaches, and all decisions of this chosen official will be final. The visiting team shall have the first option of supplying a substitute referee. If mutual agreement cannot be reached, the game will be rescheduled. The visiting team has the option of hosting the rescheduled game.
- f) In the event one coach knows, in advance, that he cannot field enough players for a scheduled game, that coach should notify the other coach and reach a mutual agreement about rescheduling, the home coach shall notify the referee assignor of the cancellation. This notification must take place at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the game or the game shall be forfeited. When a game is rescheduled within seven (7) days of its scheduled time, it will be the responsibility of the home coach to arrange for the referee. (Rule 3-B applies.)
- g) For each assigned game, funding is available to pay for a referee team only once. Should coaches wish to reschedule their game, they must contact the Referee Assignor and also the Club Vice-President a minimum of 24 hours prior to the originally assigned game time. Referees who are not provided sufficient notice of

rescheduled games, and arrive on the field as assigned, will be paid. Consequently, for coaches who did not provide sufficient rescheduling notification, funding will not be available for reassigning referees to a rescheduled game. Coaches will be held personally responsible to pay the referee team to officiate the rescheduled game.

Rule 4 – Protests

- a) The Disciplinary Committee shall meet:
 - 1) As provided in the Articles of the by-laws
 - a) To rule on questions of eligibility
 - b) To rule on protests
- b) Procedures for filing a protest:

Only a written protest will be accepted. It shall contain in the particulars of the referee's improper procedure in the administration of a specifically stated the rule or rules of the game. A Coach or his designee must submit the original to the First Vice-President and copies of the protest to the opposing coach and referee involved, so that all parties have the protest in their hands within seventy-two (72) hours after the scheduled start of the match. The original must be accompanied by a \$10.00 protest fee, which will be refunded immediately if the protest is upheld. Failure to comply exactly with these procedures shall automatically void the protest.
- c) Procedure of handling a protest:

Disciplinary Committee will meet on or before the 6th day following the match to which a protest relates. Coaches or designated representatives of the teams involved in a protest, as well as game officials, shall be invited to the Disciplinary Committee Meeting.

The Order of Business shall be:

 - 1) Reading of the protest by the Committee Chairman.
 - 2) Statement of representative of the protesting team.
 - 3) Statement of a representative of the opposing team.
 - 4) Statement by the game official.
 - 5) Questioning by the Disciplinary Committee, if desired.
 - 6) Ruling on the protest by the Committee. Any refund due will be returned at this time.
 - 7) Directing the proper association official as to the appropriate action as a result of the ruling, i.e. schedule a re-match, delete the scores of the protested game from the association records.
 - 8) Informing the coaches involved of the ruling and action. In dealing with any protest, the Disciplinary Committee may take into consideration the possession of any knowledge by the protesting team which, if properly used, might have alleviated the protest.

- d) The Disciplinary committee shall not entertain or uphold any protest involving properly decided forfeitures. The Disciplinary Committee shall not hear or consider any evidence or testimony not included in the original written protest.
- e) Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the 1st VP as chairman, the Referee Association President or a representative from the referee association, and 1-3 other board members or involved club presidents, to a maximum of 5 person's total.

SECTION 3: RULES OF PLAY

Rule 1 – Officiating

- a) All teams will provide their club referee coordinator with the name of an active referee, who has successfully completed a USSF (U.S. Soccer Federation) clinic that will cover a minimum number of games equal to their number of home games. Failure to comply with this rule could result in no referee being schedule for that team's home games.
- b) Referees shall be assigned by each club to officiate each game played on the club's designated field. The referee will have the authority as defined in the "Laws of the Game" (FIFA) and any additional authority assigned to him by LSC.
- c) If assistant referees are not assigned by the club, assistance referees will be provided by the teams playing and shall be chosen by mutual agreement of both coaches, subject to final approval by the referee.
- d) Referees shall report all coaches who violate the rules and all coaches and players who are red or yellow carded to the Vice-President. Coaches and players that have been red carded and players that have three (3) yellow cards will be reported to the Vice-President. The Vice President shall notify the referee assignors of the respective clubs to make sure that the Player or Coach does not attend their next game. The referee will, in turn, inform the offender's club president and the Association Disciplinary Committee. The referee will prepare and deliver to the Vice-President a misconduct report for all players and coaches that have been ejected. The report must be filed within the week.
- e) Referees shall be of legal voting age (18) or be USSF certified (or have taken the referee clinic and passed the USSF test within the previous 12 months) and remain USSF certified. Referees must be at least two (2) years older than the age group they are refereeing.
- f) A game may not be refereed by the coach of one of the teams or a member of the immediate family of one of the players unless mutually agreed in advance by both teams.

Rule 2 – Coaches

- a) For all Under-12 and above coaches it is recommended to have completed the WSYSA "E" clinic before the current season.

- b) All persons planning to coach in the mod divisions will have completed a mod clinic, or an “F” clinic, before the first game of the season. A mod clinic will be required of the coach every other season. There will be a minimum of two clinics offered each year.
- c) It is the responsibility of the coach to take all precautions necessary before, during or after a game to protect the public and private property on which the game takes place.
- d) Each team must have a coach or designate a responsible adult at the field through the entire game. The team failing to do so, will forfeit the game.
- e) Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and parents, either on or off the field. All coaches shall ensure that players on their teams who are not on the playing field, and their parents as well, shall stay at least two (2) yards behind the touchlines. No coach, player, or spectator will be allowed behind the goal line during the game.
- f) It shall be the responsibility of the coaches or manager to furnish a game ball to the satisfaction of the officiating referee.
- g) Coaching shall be done by only two (2) persons from each team from the same side of the field. The coaches cannot be closer than eighteen (18) yards from the corner of the field. Coaching is understood as giving advice and directions to one’s own team on points of strategy and position. The tone of voice is to be informative and no coach is to make derogatory gestures or remarks to the referees, players, or spectators.
- h) A coach will be suspended from coaching his team by the referee when given a red card. An assistant coach or responsible adult is permitted to continue coaching the team for the duration of the game.
 - 1) A coach given a red card is suspended from coaching and is ejected from the area in which the game is being played. He must be completely out of sight and sound of the playing field.
 - 2) A coach given a red card shall be suspended from coaching in the next regularly scheduled league game, but may attend the game as a non vocal spectator and he or she must inform the referee of his or her status before the game or face a second suspension for the next regularly scheduled league game.
 - 3) If a coach receives a second red card in season play, he shall be suspended from the league until reinstated by the Disciplinary Committee.
 - 4) A coach who is given a red card may appeal to the Disciplinary Committee within seventy-two (72) hours as per Article X, Section 2, and Paragraph B in the CYSA by-laws.
 - 5) A coach may be suspended from coaching his team by a ruling of the Disciplinary Committee.
 - a) A coach suspended by the Disciplinary Committee may request a hearing in regards to his suspension, such hearing to be conducted by the Executive Board.

- 6) Grounds for suspending a coach shall be, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a) Making derogatory remarks or gestures to referees, other coaches, players or spectators.
 - b) Use of profanity.
 - c) Incite, in any manner, disruptive behavior of any kind.
 - d) Violation of any rules of competition.
 - e) Failure to comply with Articles, Constitution and by-laws and Rules and Regulations of LSC.

Rule 3 – Number of Players Under-12 and Above

- a) Games can be played with a minimum of seven (7) players. In the event a team cannot field seven (7) registered players within fifteen (15) minutes of the official starting time, the team shall forfeit the game.
- b) If a game is started and injuries cause one team to lose players below the seven player minimum, that game shall be rescheduled.
- c) If a team loses players below the seven minimum because of penalties, that team shall forfeit the game.

Rule 4 – Substitutions

Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee.

- a) On any dead ball.
- b) Prior to a goal kick, in either team's favor.
- c) After a goal by either team.
- d) After an injury, when the referee stops play, by either team.
- e) At half-time.
- f) When the referee stops play to caution a player, only the cautioned player may be substituted prior to the restart of the game

The number of substitutions shall be unlimited unless a competition superseding the jurisdiction of this Association determines otherwise; special competitions may be more restrictive.

Rule 5 – Suspension of Players

- a) A player shall be cautioned and given a yellow card if:
 - 1) He/she re-enters or enters the field of play to join or rejoin his/her team after the game has commenced, or leaves the field of play during the progress of the game (except through accident) without, in either case, first having received a signal from the referee showing him that he may do so. If the referee stops the game to administer the caution, the game shall be restarted by an indirect free kick taken by a player of the opposing team from the place where the ball was when the referee stopped the game, unless the offense is committed by a player in his opponent's goal area, in

which case, the free kick shall be taken from a point anywhere within that half of the goal area in which the offense occurred. If, however, the offending player has committed a more serious offense he shall be penalized according to that section of the law he infringed as defined in "The Laws of the Game" (FIFA).

- 2) Persistently infringes the laws of the game.
 - 3) He/she shows by word or action, dissent from any decision given by the referee.
 - 4) He/she is guilty of unsporting behavior.
 - 5) A player must leave the field after receiving a yellow card.
- b) A player given a red card shall be ejected and suspended from play in the next regularly scheduled league game. A red card shall be given if:
- 1) In the opinion of the referee he is guilty of violent conduct or serious foul play.
 - 2) He/she uses foul, insulting or abusive language.
 - 3) Persists in misconduct after having received a caution.
- c) All red cards received will be subject to immediate review and additional penalties assessed as necessary.
- d) If a player received a second red card in season play, he shall be suspended from the league until reinstated by Disciplinary Committee.
- e) Any player given three (3) yellow cards during the LSC season will be given a one (1) game suspension from the next regularly scheduled game.

Rule 6 – Player Time in Games

Every player that is suited up will play approximately one-half (1/2) of each half of the game except for disciplinary reason, under the guidance of member club.

Rule 7 – Tie Game

Tie games will not be played off during the regular season.

Rule 8 – Charging the Goalkeeper

In all under 11 divisions, no player shall make physical contact with the goalkeeper or attempt to play the ball once the goalkeeper has control of the ball in any manner whatsoever within the goal/penalty area. In all divisions under 12 and over, no player shall make physical contact with the goalkeeper or harass or attempt to play the ball once the goalkeeper has control of the ball in any manner whatsoever within the goal area. Included in having control of the ball, is if the goalkeeper holds the ball on the ground with one or both hands. For infringements of this rule, an indirect free kick shall be awarded to the defending team.

Rule 9 – Safety

Any material, at the discretion of the referee, considered to be dangerous will not be worn during the game. Kneepads may be worn by the goalie only, or for the protection of an injured player. Casts are not permitted.

Rule 10 – Spectators

Spectators may be asked by the referee to leave the area of the playing field because of their conduct.

If a spectator refuses to leave the area of the playing field and remains in sight of the field, this action may result in the coach of the team which the spectator is supporting receiving a red card.

Rule 11 – Home side of the field

Before the start of each game, the referee will request the home team to choose the side of the field their team and parents will occupy. The visiting team and its parents will occupy the opposite side of the field.

Rule 12 – Rules in Situations Not Covered

Any rule of competition or rule of play not included here or in FIFA will be brought to the Board of Directors for their decision.

Rule 13 – Rules and Regulations Changes

Once the playing season begins, the rules and regulations shall not be subject to change until the next Annual General Meeting.

POLICY #1

In any division with less than four (4) teams registered in LSC, teams may be formed with the intent to play in the Columbia Youth Soccer Federations under Washington State Youth Soccer Association jurisdiction and governing rules.

The following criteria will be used in forming such teams:

- 1) Players from all areas of CYSA will be combined on teams.
- 2) The number of teams will be determined before the date set yearly by LSC based on coach availability and anticipated player registration.

POLICY #2

LSC recommends use of solid plastic or reinforced shin guards.

MICRO/MOD SOCCER RULES

- 1) Team Sizes:
 - U-6 3-a side with recommended maximum of 6 on a roster with NO goalkeeper
 - U-7 3-a side with recommended maximum of 6 on a roster with NO goalkeeper
 - U-8 4-a side with recommended maximum of 8 on a roster
 - U-9 5-a side with recommended maximum of 9 on a roster
 - U-10 6-a side with recommended maximum of 10 on a roster
 - U-11 9-a side with recommended maximum of 14 on a roster
- 2) All persons planning to coach in the micro soccer division will have attended a micro soccer clinic given by the club or association. All persons planning to coach in the mod soccer division (U-9 to U-11) will have completed a two evening mod clinic, or an "F" clinic, before the first game of the season. A mod clinic will be required of all coaches every other season. There will be a minimum of one clinic offered each year.
- 3) The home team has the option of supplying a certified referee for the duration of the game per LSC rules. Youth Micro/Mod certified referees (per LSC guidelines) may be assigned. If there are no certified referees assigned, the home team shall supply the referee for the first half and the visiting team shall supply the referee for the second half.
- 4) Game duration will be:
 - U-6 will play 2-18 minute halves
(time will stop at 3 minute intervals)
 - U-7 will play 2-18 minute halves
(time will stop at 3 minute intervals)
 - U-8 will play 2-24 minute halves
(time will stop at 4 minute intervals)
 - U-9 will play 2-25 minute halves
(time will stop at 5 minute intervals)
 - U-10 will play 2-28 minute halves
 - U-11 will play 2-30 minute halves

Following the designated substitution times, play will restart with the team that had possession prior to the whistle doing a throw-in nearest to where the play was stopped. A kick-off is not required unless a goal is scored.

- 5) Game ball will be size #3 for U-6, U-7 and U-8.
Game ball will be size #4 for U9, U-10 and U-11.
- 6) One player will be designated goalkeeper for each team, except for U-6 and U-7 which have no GK. The goalkeeper may be changed every stop in

time for U-8 and U-9 and at regular substitution times for U-10 and U-11 per mod soccer rule #13.

- 7) The goal size shall be 2 yards wide for U-6 and U-7, 4 yards wide for U-8 and U-9, 6 yards wide for U-10 and 7 or 8 yards wide for U-11. Goal posts may be cones, flags, or permanent posts no higher than 6 feet for U-6 through U-10 and 7 or 8 feet for U-11.
- 8) Recommended field sizes shall be:
 - U-6 20 x 30
 - U-7 20 x 30
 - U-8 20 x 35
 - U-9 30 x 40
 - U-10 35 x 50
 - U-11 50 x 75

(Note: whenever possible clubs should maximize field sizes within the guidelines provided.)

Dimensions may be altered by 5 yards each way.

There will be a 6 yard goal area across each end for U-6, U-7, and U-8. The goal area will be 8 yards across each end for U-9 and U-10. For U-11 there will be a penalty area 15 yards out from the goal line and 30 yards wide. The goal area will be 6 yards out from the goal line and 2 yards wider than the goal posts towards the touchlines.

- 9) All free kicks will be indirect free kicks for U-6, U-7, U-8, U-9 and U-10. For U-11, penalty kicks will be taken from the penalty spot which is 10 yards in front of and centered on goal, with the remaining players outside of the penalty area. No offensive free kicks will be taken inside the 6 yard box (the ball is to be placed on the part of the goal-area line which runs parallel to the goal-line, at the point nearest to where the offense was committed). No goal may be scored from a goal kick or place kick for U10 and younger.
- 10) The center of the field will be marked for kick-offs, with the center circle radius 6 yards for U-6 and U-7 and 8 yards for U-8, 9 and 10. Opposing players must be 8 yards away from the ball for U-6 to U-10. The center circle radius will be 10 yards for U-11.
- 11) Throw-ins will be taken per FIFA rules, except that a team will not lose possession for an improper throw-in for U-6, U-7, U-8, and U-9. The team will retake the throw-in until it is done properly.
- 12) No offside from U-6 through U-10. Offside will be in effect for U-11.
- 13) Substitutions will be allowed with the referees approval by either team on any dead ball or prior to a throw-in, goal kick, after a goal by either team, after an injury when the referee stops play, at half-time, and when the

referee stops play to caution a player (only the cautioned player may be substituted prior to the restart of the game).

- 14) Goal kicks will be taken from anywhere in the goal area with opposing player 8 yards from the ball if the attacking team touches the ball before it crosses the goal line. Corner kicks will be taken from the closest corner to where the ball went out if the defending team touches the ball before it crosses the goal line.
- 15) Play will be started at the beginning of the game, after a goal is scored and after half time by a place kick from the center of the field per FIFA rules and rule #10.
- 16) All other rules of LSC and FIFA shall apply.
- 17) Scores and standings for games will not be reported or kept by CYSA.
- 18) Coaches and referees shall try not to let spectators get out of control. Out-of-control spectators will be asked to leave the area.

Micro/Mod Youth Referee Policy

- 1) If both coaches agree, clubs will attempt to provide a youth referee for Micro & Mod soccer games.
- 2) All youth referees will be 7th graders or older.
- 3) All youth referees will attend a LSC micro/mod referee clinic and pass a micro/mod referee test yearly before referring any games.
- 4) Coaches who accept a youth referee agree to accept that referee's decisions and to enforce good sportsmanship from the spectators.