

# NSYSA Constitution



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**Article 1. Name and Duration.**

**Section A**The “Northwest Sound Youth Soccer Association”, hereinafter referred to alternatively as “NSYSA” or “Association”, is a non-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Washington.

**Section B** - The duration of this Corporation shall be perpetual.

**Article 2. Objectives and Purpose.**

**Section A.** The objectives of the NSYSA are to:

1. Promote and further develop the game of soccer.
2. Organize and govern the game of soccer for youth within portions of Kitsap, Mason, Clallam, and Jefferson counties within the state of Washington.
3. Assign administrative responsibilities to member clubs.
4. Establish uniform rules and regulations applicable to youth soccer competition in this Association consistent with:  
the principles and laws of the Federal International de Football Association (FIFA, the world governing body for soccer), those of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF, the national governing body of soccer, affiliated with FIFA), and those of the Washington Youth Soccer (WYS).
5. Provide programs for the membership as required.
6. Administer and conduct Association competitions as required.
7. Represent this Association in all matters of organized youth soccer regarding WYS and interested parties.
8. If full compliance is not possible, then the association can make necessary adjustments to best meet its needs while still achieving its intended purpose.

**Section B.** The purpose of NSYSA is educational and includes the following:

1. Teach and train players, coaches, and other adult members.
2. Teach through the game of soccer, sportsmanship, physical health, and mental alertness.
3. Operate exclusively as an exempt organization within the meaning and limits of section 501(c)(3).

**Article 3. Association Colors and Location**

**Section A.** The representative colors of the NSYSA will be blue/black/green/white.

1. The jersey/shorts/alternate jersey colors of affiliated clubs of this Association shall be:

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|-------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| i.    | Bainbridge Island Youth Soccer Club | Blue/White/Navy/Grey     |
| ii.   | Bremerton Soccer Club               | Blue/Black/White         |
| iii.  | Central Kitsap Soccer Club          | Red/Black/White          |
| iv.   | Jefferson County Soccer Club        | Black/Teal/White         |
| v.    | North Kitsap Soccer Club            | Gold/Royal/White         |
| vi.   | North Mason Soccer Club             | Red/Blue/White           |
| vii.  | South Kitsap Soccer Club            | Green/White/Maroon/Black |
| viii. | Storm King Soccer Club              | White/Dark Navy Blue     |
| ix.   | Tracyton Soccer Club                | Orange/Black/White       |
| x.    | Kitsap Alliance FC                  | White/Blue/Red/Black     |

**Section B.** NSYSA will operate within Olympic Peninsula.

### **Article 4. Jurisdiction**

**Section A.** NSYSA will have jurisdiction over all the member organizations including clubs and teams, as well as associated individuals, such as players, coaches, and administrators.

### **Article 5. Affiliation**

**Section A.** NSYSA will be a member of WYS.

### **Article 6. Financial Policy**

**Section A.** NSYSA is a registered nonprofit organization. Each member club is required to independently obtain and report to NSYSA its own separate nonprofit status from the state of Washington and the Internal Revenue Service.

### **Article 7. Administrative Authority**

**Section A.** The NSYSA Board of Directors shall be governed by the NSYSA Constitution and Bylaws except when these are superseded by those of WYS.

**Section B.** The NSYSA shall have the authorization to issue policies or instructions necessary to interpret, clarify, or further define the Constitution, Bylaws, procedures, and rules.

## **Article 8. Membership**

**Section A.** The membership of NSYSA will consist of incorporated organizations engaged in youth soccer within the Association (see definition in Article 3, Section B), which agree to be bound by the Constitution, Bylaws, procedures, and rules of the NSYSA and will be admitted to membership in accordance with the Bylaws of NSYSA.

## **Article 9. Administration**

**Section A.** The governing authority of the NSYSA will be the Association Board of Directors.

**Section B.** The NSYSA Executive Board will be composed of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar.

**Section C.** The NSYSA Board of Directors will be composed of the NSYSA Executive Board, the Directors of Recreational and Competitive Soccer, and one representative each from the member Clubs.

## **Article 10. Meetings**

**Section A.** The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of all members of the NSYSA will be held for the primary purpose of the election of Executive Board members and consideration of proposed amendments to this Constitution, and proposed resolutions. The AGM will be held as provided in Article V of the NSYSA Bylaws.

**Section B.** All other meetings, including but not limited to meetings of the NSYSA Board of Directors, will be held as provided in Article V of the NSYSA Bylaws.

**Section C.** Voting at all NSYSA meetings will take place as provided in Article V of the NSYSA Bylaws.

## **Article 11. Parliamentary Authority**

**Section A.** all meetings of the NSYSA will be conducted using the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order" as a guide.

## Article 12. Amendments

**Section A.** Proposed changes or amendments to this constitution can only be approved at the AGM.

**Section B.** Proposed changes or amendments can be made by member clubs or NSYSA Board of Directors and must be submitted in writing to the NSYSA Secretary no later than 30 days prior to the NSYSA AGM.

**Section C.** The NSYSA Secretary will notify each member club at least 30 days prior to the AGM with proposed changes or amendments to this Constitution. To be approved, the amendment must pass by a three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) majority vote of the NSYSA Board of Directors in attendance at the AGM. Any abstentions will not count toward the three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) majority vote.

**Section D.** All approved changes or amendments will be included in the AGM minutes.

## Article 13. Books, Records, and Accounting

**Section A.** NSYSA will maintain adequate and correct accounts, books, and records of its business and properties. All books, records, and accounts will be kept by any NSYSA Executive Board member as directed. All records will be open to inspection by the NSYSA Board of Directors as requested.

**Section B. Dissolution:** Should NSYSA be dissolved, all monetary assets remaining after payment of all debts, will be turned over to any remaining member clubs which have qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code and shall be divided proportionally to the average number of registered WYS players over the previous three years. Physical assets shall be held in trust by remaining Member Clubs.