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## **ARTICLE I**      **The Name of the League [revised 10/11/12]**

The name of this League shall be the Capital District Youth Soccer League, hereinafter referred to as the CDYSL – or the League. Formed under the corporate name as the Capital District Youth Soccer League.

## **ARTICLE II**      **CDYSL Purpose [revised 08/14/16]**

- a. To teach the game of soccer to the youth of our community.
- b. To operate a youth soccer league to help in developing the character of the youth of our community.
- c. To foster and engage in competition for the furtherance of the above purposes.
- d. To encourage and engage in other activities which will enhance and improve these stated purposes.
- e. To support the players to their highest level of competition possible.

## **ARTICLE III**      **Affiliations and Colors [revised 08/14/16]**

This League is affiliated with the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association (ENYYSA) and the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and its duration shall be perpetual. This league shall be an integral unit of ENYYSA and the Federation and shall at all times abide by the Federation's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, policies and its requirements shall take precedence over and supersede the governing documents and decisions by the ENYYSA and its members to the extent allowable under New York State Law. ENYYSA and its members shall abide by those Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, policies and requirements that conflict with the USSF. CDYSL shall not join any organization that has requirements that conflict with the United States Soccer Federation's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, policies and requirements. Every club in good standing with the ENYYSA and with the headquarters within the CDYSL territory defined below may apply for membership in the CDYSL. The representative Colors of the League shall be Red and White.

## **ARTICLE IV**      **The Officers of the Board of Directors [revised 08/14/16]**

- a. The business of the League shall be conducted and managed by the Board of Directors, which shall consist of one representative from each club in

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good standing. Each director shall be at least nineteen (19) years of age. The directors shall be elected by their respective club and only clubs in good standings can elect a director. Each club shall also elect an alternate representative who shall attend CDYSL meetings in the absence of the club representative.

- b. The Board of Directors is authorized and mandated to create an Executive Committee.
- c. The composition of the Executive Committee shall be defined as the Officers of the Board of Directors, as well as four At Large Members. The Officers of the Board of Directors include the following positions:
  - President
  - First Vice President
  - Second Vice President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
- d. The Board of Directors shall elect the Officers, as well as four At Large members, to the Executive Committee at the Annual General Meeting.
- e. The President of CDYSL shall not serve as a club representative during his or her term as President.
- f. The officers of CDYSL shall not serve as an ex officio member of the CDYSL Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **The Annual General Meeting**

The business of the League shall be transacted at the Board of Directors meeting of the League which shall be held at least six (6) times a year on a date and time selected by said Board of Directors. There shall be an Annual General Meeting each year during the month of August, the date of which shall be established by vote at a Board of Directors meeting and notice of which shall be sent to member clubs at least fourteen (14) days before said date.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Voting Strength at the Annual General Meeting** *[revised 10/11/12]*

This Constitution may be amended only at the Annual General Meeting or at a special meeting held for that specific purpose by a two-thirds majority vote of the votes cast, a quorum being present, provided notice was given to each affiliated club at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

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- a. All member level clubs of CDYSL shall have a voting power of one (1) at the general board meetings and shall authorize a member of that club to represent it. The quorum for the General Board Meeting shall exist when fifty-one (51) percent of the Member Clubs in attendance; that are in an Active Status and good standing.
- b. The voting strength at the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:
  1. President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Immediate Past President shall have one (1) vote each.
  2. Full Member Level Clubs, that are in an Active Status and are in good standing, will have 1,2,3,4 or 5 votes depending on the number of travel teams registered with CDYSL for the current registration year (i.e.: AGM 08/14/05 teams registered effective 09/01/04- 08/31/05): 1 – vote for 1 to 7 teams; 2 – vote for 8 to 14 teams; 3 – vote for 15 to 21 teams; 4 – vote for 22 to 28 teams; 5 – votes for 29 or more teams.
  3. Any person, who has more than one vote by virtue of holding more than one position to which voting rights are assigned, shall only be permitted to vote from one of the positions held. Such a person shall choose which voting rights to exercise and inform the Board of his or her decision at the Annual General Meeting prior to any votes being cast.
  4. A quorum shall exist when fifty-one (51) percent of the active membership that is in good standing and in attendance at the AGM.
  5. Proxy votes will not be allowed.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **CDYSL Territory**

The CDYSL shall govern the game of soccer in the Capital District Area. Hereinafter, the Capital District Area includes the following counties:

Albany  
Columbia  
Delaware  
Essex  
Fulton  
Greene  
Hamilton  
Montgomery

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Rensselaer  
Saratoga  
Schenectady  
Schoharie  
Warren  
Washington

**ARTICLE VIII**      **No Direct or Indirect Benefit from CDYSL [revised 10/11/12]**

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, at large members, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purposes.

**ARTICLE IX**      **NO POLITICAL ACTIVITIES**

No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

**ARTICLE X**      **The Dissolution of CDYSL [revised 8/14/16]**

Upon dissolution of the organization, the governing body of the organization shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the organization, dispose of all of the assets of the organization exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, or to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for one or more such purposes as shall at the time qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954; or to the Federal government, a state or a local government for a public purpose.

In the case of a dissolution of the League, all remaining assets shall revert to the Eastern New York State Soccer Association in trust for the succeeding youth soccer district or league, properly constituted, organized, and affiliated with ENYYSA and the United States Soccer Federation. In the case of a proposed dissolution of any affiliate, for any reason whatsoever, the following rules shall govern:

- A. This League must be notified of such proposed dissolution and be represented at the meeting of the respective organization at which the dissolution is voted upon.

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- B. All obligations, financial or otherwise, of the dissolving affiliated organization to this Association, shall be properly settled.
- C. Any assets remaining are to revert to the ENYYSA or to any non-profit charitable organization if provided in the Constitution and By-Laws of the dissolving affiliated organization.

## **ARTICLE XI**      **The Fiscal Year** *[revised 10/11/12]*

The CDYSL shall operate on a fiscal year beginning on September 1<sup>st</sup> and ending August 31<sup>st</sup>. A proposed budget shall be presented to the Board of Directors for their approval at their regular AGM in the month immediately preceding the beginning of the new fiscal year.

{This constitution was last revised on August 14, 2005, with a complete revision to Article VI on Voting Strength at the AGM}

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