

By-Laws of the Oldham County Youth Soccer Association, Inc.

Article I – Order of Business

The order of business at all regular meetings of the Association shall be as follows:

1. Roll call.
2. A reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
3. A financial report from the Treasurer.
4. Communications.
5. Report of the Executive Committee.
6. Report of Area Commissioners.
7. Report of Referee Commissioner.
8. Report of State Representative.
9. Report of the Coaches' Commissioner.
10. Report of the Competitive Teams Commissioner.
11. Unfinished business.
12. New business.
13. Miscellaneous items.
14. Adjournment.

The order of business at the annual meeting of the Association shall be as follows:

1. Roll call of the Board of Directors and sign in of Association Members.
2. A financial report from the Treasurer of the past years activity.
3. Presentations by candidates for the Executive Officers positions.
4. Nominations for the Executive Officers positions.
5. Vote by all eligible Association Members.
6. Announcement of new Executive Officers.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Miscellaneous items.
10. Adjournment.

Article II – Appeals

Section 1 – Appeals to the Association

An appeal of any decision by an appellant shall be entertained and adjudicated by this Association provided that the appellant has given ten (10) days written notice to the Association - i.e. 10 days from the date of an Arbitration Committee decision by this Association (reference: Arbitration Board Rules).

Section 2 – Appeals to the United States Youth Soccer Association

Any team, player, coach or referee not wholly satisfied with any decision made by this Association has the right of appeal to the KYSA by following the procedure laid down by USSF rule #70.

Article III – Hearings

Every case that arises under the jurisdiction of this Association and requires a hearing shall be tried in the presence of all parties in interest who appear. The Board or its authorized agent has the power to summon anyone under its jurisdiction to appear at any meeting relative to any matter that comes to this Association for determination or investigation.

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Article IV – Penalties, Debts & Assessments

Section 1 – Responsibilities of the Players and the Officials

Every member and official affiliated with this Association is a Member thereof. Each shall be held responsible for any breach of the rules of this Association committed by Members of the team with which he/she is associated provided that it can be shown that he/she is connected with the perpetration of the offense.

Section 2 – Assessment of Members

In the exclusive event the Association becomes financially embarrassed and is unable to function properly and/or is unable to meet its financial obligations, the Board shall have the power to escalate the semi-annual fee.

Section 3 – Institution of Penalties

All penalties for any breach of the Laws or Rules as defined in the Arbitration Board Rules shall become effective immediately upon submission of the referee's game report.

A one-game suspension shall be instituted automatically for any red-card infraction of the rules. Additional suspensions are to be determined by the Referee Commissioner, the Arbitration Board Chairman and the Area Commissioner. Such additional suspensions shall be determined by the nature of the infraction as stated in the Arbitration Board Rules. For any such breach of Laws or Rules, those persons receiving penalties shall be informed of such penalties as soon as possible by the Area Commissioner or the Tournament Director in the instance of inter-association tournament play.

Article V – Benefit Games

The Association may participate in games with teams from other State Associations and with visiting foreign teams providing that the current procedures are observed as laid down by the KYSA. The Board shall have the power to set dates in every season to stage matches for the benefit of the KYSA and/or some worthy cause. On such dates, all associations, teams and players under its jurisdiction shall be at its disposal and no team or player shall play any other game on such dates unless expressly authorized and permitted to do so by the Board.

Article VI – Miscellaneous Items

Section 1 (Courtesy of Meetings)

Visitors may be granted the privilege to attend and/or speak at meetings at the discretion of the President.

Section 2 (Auditing Committee)

The President shall appoint one (1) auditor at the close of each season to examine the accounts of this Association and to report the findings to the Board.

Section 3 (Comity)

This Association shall recognize suspensions and rulings of all organizations under the jurisdiction of the KYSA when notified thereof.

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Section 4 (Players, Officials and Spectators)

Players, officials and spectators are permitted to take part in or to attend matches provided they observe the rules of this Association, of the Kentucky Youth Soccer Association and its subordinate and affiliated organizations. Every team coach is responsible to this Association for the conduct of his/her players; officials and spectators must exercise every reasonable precaution against disturbance or disorderly conduct before, during and after every match.

Section 5 (Presentment of Claim)

Matters in the nature of a dispute or claim shall be presented to this Association per details described in the Arbitration Board rules.

Section 6 (Extra-territorial Competitions)

No member of this Association shall enter or take part in any competition outside the jurisdiction of this Association, except those directly affiliated with or operated by the KYSA, without the consent of the OCYSA, Inc. and KYSA.

Section 7 (Gambling)

Betting or gambling in any form on any game or part thereof, at any place, is forbidden. An official or player who violates this rule shall be suspended permanently.

Any member, coach or player who permits a violation of this rule will be barred from participating in this Association.

Section 8 (Referees)

In all competition under the jurisdiction of this Association, all referees must be registered with and in good standing with the KYSA and the local authority of the Kentucky Referee Association.

Article VII – Amendments

The by-laws of the OCYSA, Inc. may be amended at any meeting of the OCYSA, Inc. by a majority vote of at least three-fourths (3/4) participation – either in person or via proxy - of the entire voting power of this Association.