

Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Play
North Central Youth Soccer Association
(NCenYSA)

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Constitution and By-Laws North Central Youth Soccer Association (NCenYSA)

ARTICLE I: ORGANIZATIONAL NAME

The Name of this organization is the NORTH CENTRAL YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, hereinafter referred to as “NCenYSA.”

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1:

To promote and further develop the game of soccer, consistent with the principles and laws of the WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION (WSYSA).

SECTION 2:

To organize and govern the game of soccer within Okanogan County, Washington.

SECTION 3:

To encourage courtesy, proper conduct and respect among River Valley Soccer Club, Oroville Youth Soccer Club, Tonasket Youth Soccer Club and Methow Valley Youth Soccer Club players, coaches, officials and spectators.

SECTION 4:

To promote a sense of fair play and development of leadership qualities.

SECTION 5:

To develop physical fitness, mental alertness and self-discipline.

ARTICLE III: JURISDICTION

NCenYSA shall have jurisdiction over all of its Member Clubs and teams in addition to associated individuals such as players, coaches, officials and administrators within the geographical boundaries of Okanogan County, Washington.

ARTICLE IV: AFFILIATION

SECTION 1:

NCenYSA shall be affiliated with Washington State Youth Soccer Association and the United States Youth Soccer Association.

SECTION 2:

NCenYSA shall register all of its players, coaches, teams and administrators with WSYSA each year and pay timely fees to WSYSA.

SECTION 3:

Individuals registered by NCenYSA with WSYSA shall be members of NCenYSA with the rights accorded them under the NCenYSA and WSYSA By-Laws.

ARTICLE V: FINANCES

SECTION 1:

NCenYSA is a non-profit organization.

SECTION 2:

Member Clubs must collect registration fees from each player equal to at least the amount of the WSYSA registration fee plus NCenYSA player dues to be set at the NCenYSA Annual General Meeting.

SECTION 3:

Member Clubs must submit WSYSA Registration Fees and NCenYSA dues to NCenYSA no later than September 30 in the fall and April 15 in the spring.

ARTICLE VI: REGISTRATION

All clubs shall submit accurate and complete registration information in a timely fashion so that NCenYSA can submit registration information to WSYSA by the required closing date.

ARTICLE VII: ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY

SECTION 1:

NCenYSA's Constitution and By-Laws shall govern NCenYSA Board of Directors except when these are superseded by those of WSYSA.

SECTION 2:

NCenYSA Board of Directors shall have the authority to issue policies or instructions necessary to interpret, clarify or further define its Constitution, By-Laws, rules and regulations.

ARTICLE VIII: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: GENERAL

(a) The membership of NCenYSA shall consist of incorporated and unincorporated organizations engaged in youth soccer within Okanogan County, which agree to be bound by the By-Laws, procedures and rules of WSYSA and NCenYSA and which shall be admitted to membership in accordance with the By-Laws of NCenYSA.

(b) Individual players, coaches, administrators and officials are members of NCenYSA through their association with said member organization or as elected officials of NCenYSA.

SECTION 2: CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

(a) Member Club – an administrative body and coordinating body for NCenYSA programs in which individuals under nineteen (19) years of age learn and play soccer. A Member Club must demonstrate the capability of conducting balanced league play.

(b) Provisional Member – an organization that has applied as a Member Club while demonstrating the ability to conduct balanced league play in all age groups and meet all of the requirements of the NCenYSA and WSYSA By-Laws. Provisional membership shall be granted for a term not to exceed three years.

SECTION 3: ADMISSION

(a) An applicant for admission of membership to NCenYSA must submit the request in writing, and must give the following information: geographic boundary of the club, reasons for forming a new club, a copy of proposed articles of incorporation and By-Laws.

(b) Acceptance for membership shall be by majority vote of the NCenYSA Board of Directors.

SECTION 4: CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Continuation of membership in NCenYSA is dependent on receipt of dues and continued demonstration of the Member Club's ability to follow WSYSA and NCenYSA By-Laws and Rules of Competition.

SECTION 5: DISCONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP

(a) Any violations of the membership requirements of these By-Laws by a Member Club shall require a probationary hearing by the Board of Directors within 30 days to determine the actions necessary by the Club to come into compliance with these By-Laws and to establish a probationary period of up to 90 days for the Club to take such actions and shall provide for suspension of all membership privileges if not satisfied.

(b) Member Clubs failing or refusing to follow the WSYSA or NCenYSA By-Laws, procedures or rules or attempting to circumvent a decision rendered by the NCenYSA, or seriously damaging the interest of NCenYSA face suspension or expulsion.

(c) Notification of suspension or expulsion shall be made in writing, with a 30-day notice.

(d) Suspension or expulsion shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the NCenYSA Board of Directors.

SECTION 6: JURISDICTION OF MEMBERSHIP

Member Clubs and Provisional Member Clubs shall have jurisdiction, control and responsibility to supervise all games of youth soccer involving properly registered teams, as well as associated activities, within their specified area of administrative government as approved by the NCenYSA Board of Directors.

SECTION 7: RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

Member Clubs and Provisional Members shall be responsible for the conduct of players, parents, coaches, administrators and officials under their jurisdiction, and shall insure that their actions on or off field do not bring disfavor to WSYSA or NCenYSA.

SECTION 8: MEMBERSHIP CONFLICT

The articles of incorporation, By-Laws and governing documents of any Member Club or Provisional Member Club shall not conflict with those of WSYSA or NCenYSA.

ARTICLE IX: ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors consists of the following officers and Club Presidents: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Director of Competition (including Disciplinary Chair and Referee Assignor), and Member Association Representative (MAR) to District 6. That Club's current president will also represent each Club on the Board of Directors. Each officer will have one vote except for the President who will vote only in the case of a tie.

SECTION 2: OFFICERS TERM OF OFFICE

- (a) Officers are elected at the NCenYSA winter association general meeting (AGM) by majority vote. Officers are limited to 2 years in the same position, unless no other individuals are nominated or elected to the position.
- (b) Positions with ODD year elections are:
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Member Association Representative
- (c) Positions with EVEN year elections are:
 - President
 - Registrar
 - Director of Competition/Referee Assignor

SECTION 3: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The officers shall be responsible for conducting the business and administering the affairs of NCenYSA including but not limited to:

- (a) Enforcing the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Play for NCenYSA.
- (b) Approval of formation and operation of all tournaments.
- (c) Approval of interstate and international play, with further approval of WSYSA.
- (d) Approval of formation of NCenYSA select teams for participation in "All Star" competition.
- (e) Approval or removal of NCenYSA committee directors.
- (f) Suspension or removal of any NCenYSA officer.

ARTICLE X: QUORUM

One-half of the currently occupied positions on the Board of Directors positions constitute a quorum for voting purposes.

ARTICLE XI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1: PRESIDENT

- (a) Oversee all activities of the NCenYSA and work of the Board of Directors.
- (b) See that all NCenYSA policies, rules and regulations are adhered to.
- (c) Assist the Board of Directors in appointing unfilled Board positions.
- (d) With the voting approval of the Board, establish committees and appoint chairpersons as required.
- (e) Provide NCenYSA representation to District 6, WSYSA.
- (f) Vote on NCenYSA matters only in the case of a tie.
- (g) Set up any additional meetings as deemed necessary to ensure that all officers/chairpersons have the knowledge to carry out their respective duties.

SECTION 2: VICE-PRESIDENT

- (a) Assist the President in all NCenYSA business.
- (b) Become acting President during all temporary absences of the President.
- (c) Succeed to the Presidency if that office becomes vacant mid-term.

SECTION 3: SECRETARY

- (a) Custodian of all office correspondence.
- (b) Record and publish all meeting minutes in a timely fashion.
- (c) Provide proper notice of NCenYSA meetings to the Board of Directors and to all other persons whose attendance at such meetings is required.
- (d) Compile and publish the NCenYSA membership directory (Board of Directors) for WSYSA.
- (e) Send out correspondence, periodically, to the general membership.
- (f) Keep proper records for the organization.

SECTION 4: TREASURER

- (a) Custodian of all assets.
- (b) Deposit all monies of NCenYSA in a chartered bank in the name of NCenYSA.
- (c) Provide properly authorized disbursements of NCenYSA funds and sign all disbursement orders received. Proper disbursement of funds requires authorization of the Board of Directors. All amounts shall be paid by check.
- (d) Keep proper books for the organization.

- (e) Prepare financial reports for distribution on an annual basis to be distributed at the AGM.
- (f) Prepare proposed annual budget.

SECTION 5: REGISTRAR

- (a) Shall be responsible for all NCenYSA player registration to the WSYSA.
- (b) Ensure that registration forms are made available to all youth, through established Clubs within Okanogan County.
- (c) Keep up to date registration records.
- (d) Compile proof of age as outlined in the WSYSA registrar's handbook for all individuals on NCenYSA teams.
- (e) Collect all registration data from Member Clubs within NCenYSA for final forwarding to WSYSA in a timely fashion.
- (f) Review all submitted registration materials for accuracy within age groupings.
- (g) Review all submitted registration materials for accuracy of transfers/deletes.
- (h) Notify Member Clubs of the amount of registration fees to be paid to the Association.
- (i) Notify the NCenYSA treasurer of the amount of fees due to WSYSA.

SECTION 6: DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION/REFEREE ASSIGNOR

- (a) To serve as representative to District 6 for the purposes of any appeals or disciplinary actions as deemed necessary by the Disciplinary Director, District 6.
- (b) To serve as "1st" contact for Clubs within the Association to the Association concerning disciplinary matters.
- (c) Responsible for handling all protests.
- (d) Provides interpretation of FIFA, WSYSA and NCenYSA rules.
- (e) Establish a referee pool for NCenYSA play.
- (f) To coordinate any training of new referees as well as refresher courses.
- (g) To assure that every Club within the Association has qualified referees at all matches.

SECTION 7: MEMBER ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE (MAR)

- (a) Attend all District 6 meetings and report back to the Association.
- (b) Liaison from NCenYSA to WSYSA through District 6 with any established problems or solutions as directed by the Board of Directors.
- (c) To establish teams for competitive play in District 6.
- (d) To attend any scheduling meetings for District 6.

ARTICLE XII: MEETINGS

SECTION 1: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting (AGM) shall take place in winter at least 30 days prior to the State AGM. Nominations for positions to the Board will be received no later than 10 days prior to the Annual General Meeting by mail to the Association Secretary. Notification of the meeting shall be sent via mail/e-mail to the Board of Directors of all Clubs within the Association. All proposed constitution and by-law changes will be available to the general membership upon request.

SECTION 2: OTHER MEETINGS

Other meetings will be held as necessary to coordinate spring and fall seasons.

ARTICLE XIII: ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

The election of Board Members will be at the Association AGM. Officers are elected by vote of the current Association Board of Directors. All voting members must be at least 18 years old. A nomination list for proposed officers on the NCenYSA Board of Directors for the upcoming fiscal year will be available to Club Officers for consultation with their general membership. Club officers will make recommendations to the Club's Association representative prior to the NCenYSA AGM.

ARTICLE XIV: FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year begins the 1st day of September and ends the last day of August. All rules and regulations are in effect during the full 12 months of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE XV: AUDIT

The books and accounts of NCenYSA shall be available for audit by members once annually. An income and expense statement shall be available for reviewing by the Board of Directors at the last board meeting scheduled prior to the annual meeting and will be submitted to the members for review at said meeting. At the annual meeting the books and accounts of NCenYSA shall be available for inspection by the NCenYSA Board of Directors as well as the members of NCenYSA.

ARTICLE XVI: AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1:

Proposed changes or amendments to these Constitution and By-laws can only be effected at the NCenYSA annual meetings.

SECTION 2:

Such proposed changes and amendments must be made at a regular Board of Director's meetings or in writing to the NCenYSA Secretary no later than (2) days prior to the scheduled meeting.

SECTION 3:

All approved by-law changes or amendments shall be made available in writing to all NCenYSA members, and posted on NCenYSA's website.

SECTION 4:

The Secretary shall provide all Board of Directors with an up-to-date copy of this constitution and by-laws once enacted.

DATED this 31st DAY OF January, 2004
NORTH CENTRAL YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

BY: *Cindy Gagne, President*

BY: *Dotti Wilson, Secretary*

NCenYSA

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ARTICLE I: REGISTRATION

SECTION 1: REGISTRATION PERIOD

Registration for fall will be during the month of August and spring registration will be during the month of February. Closing dates for Fall and Spring seasons will be determined by a vote of the NCenYSA Board of Directors. No player registration will be accepted after the season's registration has been sent to WSYSA, except for those players who have moved into the geographical boundaries of the Association (Okanogan County) after the close of registration.

SECTION 2: DUES

Each year the NCenYSA Board of Directors, by majority vote, will establish the dues to be paid by each Member Club to the Association. These dues will be part of the Registration Fee paid by the Member Club for each individual registered.

SECTION 3: REGISTRATION AGE(S)

A player will be assigned to a division on the basis of the player's age as of August 1st of the current season. The minimum age will be five (5) years by August 1st of the current season. Exceptions may be made by the Club Board of Directors for players turning four (4) by August 1st of the current season at the request of the parent. The maximum age will be eighteen (18) by August 1st of the current season. No player will be nineteen (19) before August 1st.

ARTICLE II: TEAMS

SECTION 1: TEAM MEMBERS

(a) In accordance with WSYSA rules, recreational league teams will be formed on a non-selective basis each fall and stay together through spring season. Recreational teams, or parts thereof, will not be kept together from year to year.

(b) "Recreational league" means an intra-club league in which:

(1) the use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting, or any similar process to roster players to any team on the basis of talent or ability is prohibited;

(2) the club administering the league accepts as participants in the league any eligible youths (subject to reasonable terms on registration);

(3) a system of rostering players is used to establish a fair or balanced distribution of playing talent among all teams participating; and

(4) league rules require that each player must play at least one-half of each game except for reasons of injury, illness, or discipline.

SECTION 2: PLAYER TRANSFER

Transfers may only be submitted by a Member Club Registrar to the Association Registrar. Actual transfer will be dependent on confirmation from the Association Registrar and will be dependent on following WSYSA rules.

SECTION 3: TEAM SIZE

Team sizes are limited to a maximum of 18 players or for modified teams, no more than double the size of players playing on the field in any particular age division.

SECTION 4: TEAM DISSOLUTION

(a) If, during the current season, a Recreational team feels it cannot complete it's schedule because of the lack of participation of players, the team may request the Registrar to transfer it's remaining players to the remaining teams, following WSYSA rules.

(a) If a District 6 team feels it cannot complete it's schedule because of lack of participation of players, the team will be disbanded and the players will be unable to play for the remainder of the year. The sponsoring club will be responsible to District 6 for any fees to be paid to District 6 for not completing its assigned schedule.

SECTION 5: TEAM AGE GROUPING

(a) Recreational teams age groupings shall be established by NCenYSA at the beginning of each seasonal year. These shall be

- Under 19 years of age (U-19)
- Under 15 years of age (U-15)
- Under 12 years of age (U-12)
- Under 10 years of age (U-10)
- Under 8 years of age (U-8)
- Under 6 years of age (U-6)

(b) District 6 Team age groups shall be determined by the oldest player on the District 6 Team.

ARTICLE III: RULES OF PLAY

Team competition shall be governed by FIFA rules and their current interpretations as found in the publication Laws of the Game and Guide to Referees, except as modified in this Article.

SECTION 1: NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- (a) Matches can be played with a minimum of 7 players unless playing modified size teams. In the event a team cannot field 7 players within 15 minutes of the official starting time, that team shall forfeit the match. If a match is started and injuries cause one team to lose players below the 7 minimum, that team shall forfeit the match, although the game can be continued as a scrimmage. A reasonable amount of “suspended” time shall be given in the case of injuries to determine if the player can return to the match.
- (b) Teams will “match” the number of players showing up by a small team unless doing so would violate WSYSA’s rule that all players play 50% of a game.
- (c) If, in order to play the game, a team needs to borrow a registered player from another team, the opposing team will automatically win the match (for the purposes of standings if kept), and the game will become a scrimmage game.

SECTION 2: SUBSTITUTION

In all divisions free and unlimited substitutions are allowed *with the consent of the referee* at the following prescribed intervals:

- (a) By either team only
 - (1) After a goal is scored;
 - (2) At half-time;
 - (3) When making a goal kick.
- (b) By the team
 - (1) Making a throw in;
 - (2) With an injured player;
 - (3) When the opposing coach substitutes during a throw-in or corner kick, done without a delay in the match;
 - (4) Receiving a caution, for the cautioned player only.

SECTION 3: RESCHEDULING AND FORFEITURE

It shall be mandatory to play a regular Association match unless the Referee Coordinator and the opposing coach agree to re-scheduling at least 72 hours in

advance of the match time. In case of a failure to show up at a regularly scheduled Association match, the offending team shall lose the match by a score of 1 to 0. A match may be postponed at the field site if in the referee's opinion the weather conditions are too hazardous for play if both teams appear at the field site.

SECTION 4: DURATION OF GAME, BALL SIZE AND HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

Duration of game and ball size shall be agreed upon by NCenYSA in consultation with all clubs in the Association prior to the Fall season, using the WSYSA Coaches Handbook as a guide. Please refer to Attachment A for the current specifics regarding duration of games and ball size. When the proper ball size is not available, the ball present at the match will be used. The home team will always be listed on the schedule first and will be responsible for providing the ball for the game and ensuring the goals, corner flags and nets are properly set up. The home team is further responsible for ensuring all equipment is put away at the end of the match.

SECTION 5: TIE GAMES

Regular season games ending in a tie will remain a tie. Overtime (sudden death or shootout) will be used to break ties only in tournament play. [To be outlined prior to tournament]

SECTION 6: PLAYER TIME IN MATCHES

Every player that has suited up will play ½ of the game, except for those who are under disciplinary action or who are unwilling to play half a game. This includes regular season, tournament and overtime play.

SECTION 7: GIRLS PLAY

As a measure of protection, girls are permitted to shield their chests by means of their hands or arms. However, any holding, throwing or pushing the ball with their hands or arms shall be penalized according to law 12 of the FIFA rulebook.

SECTION 8: TEN GOAL RULE

If a team is losing a match by ten points, the coach of the losing team has the discretion to end the match at that point. The intent of this rule is not to end the match, but rather to encourage the coach of the stronger team to change tactics and allow less skilled players the opportunity for more playing time and/or an opportunity to play other positions.

SECTION 9: RULE AND REGULATION CHANGES

Once the playing season begins, the rules and regulations will not be subject to change until after the season is completed.

SECTION 10: SAFETY

Any material at the discretion of the referee considered to be dangerous will not be worn during the match (watches, necklaces, earrings, hard casts, belts).

SECTION 11: SUSPENSION OF PLAYERS AND COACHES

(a) A player or coach given a red card shall be ejected. A red card will be given if:

- (1) In the opinion of the referee he/she is guilty of violent conduct or serious foul play;
- (2) He/she uses foul or abusive language;
- (3) He/she persists in misconduct after having received a caution.

(b) A copy of the ejection report, from the referee, will be sent to the Club's Age Group Representative and the NCenYSA Director of Competition. The Club's Age Group Representative will insure the player or coach is suspended from participation in the next regularly scheduled game. If a player or coach receives a second red card in season play, he/she shall be suspended from the play until reinstated by the Association.

SECTION 12: FIELDS OF PLAY

Field size shall be established by NCenYSA, in consultation with all clubs in the Association prior to the Fall season. Please refer to Attachment A for current dimensions of the fields of play for each age division.

SECTION 13: UNIFORMS

(a) Each team in the Association shall issue a matching shirt to registered players. In order to compete in the Association matches, a player must be dressed with the following:

- (1) Issued shirt tucked into shorts;
- (2) Regulation soccer shoes, multi-purpose gym shoes or sneakers;
- (3) Shin guards are mandatory, with socks covering.

(b) When the weather is inclement, players may wear tight fitting tights or sweat pants tucked into socks, shirts underneath their jersey and light gloves or hats.

SECTION 14: TOURNAMENTS

All tournaments sponsored by the Member Clubs shall be approved by the Association and will be played by the approved rules and regulations. Any special rules for the tournament must be in writing and delivered and agreed upon by the NCenYSA Director of Competition. Special rules will be given in writing and delivered to all teams prior to the start of the tournament.

SECTION 15: STANDINGS

Standings for the Association will be determined on a total point basis with one (1) point awarded for a tie and two (2) points awarded for a win. No points are awarded for a loss. In the event of a tie between two teams for first place at the end of the regular season play, there will be dual champions. Standings will only be kept at U-12 level and above during spring season.

ARTICLE IV: COACHING AND OFFICIATING

SECTION 1: COACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) Each team must have a coach or designated adult at the field throughout the entire match and practices. Coaching is understood as giving advice and directions to one's own team on points of strategy and position. Coaching shall only be done by a maximum of two (2) persons from each team from the same side of the field. The tone of voice is to be informative.
- (b) A coach may be suspended from coaching his team by the referee if he/she is in violation of any rules of competition warranting ejection. An assistant coach or responsible adult is permitted to continue coaching the team for the duration of the game.
- (c) If the coach has any questions to ask the referee he/she may do so before or after the game and only in a "gentlemanly" manner. Any questions for the referee during the game are allowed only from the team captain.
- (d) Members under the age of 18 may only serve as assistant coaches.
- (e) All coaches will complete a Risk Management Form before practices begin. No coach will be allowed to meet with the children before the form is completed and submitted to the WSYSA.
- (f) Coaches or players are NOT allowed to:
 - (1) Be behind the goal line during the match;

- (2) Be closer than 18 yards from the corner, except in modified play, or make derogatory gestures or remarks to the officials, other coaches or spectators;
- (3) Use artificial devices as megaphones;
- (4) Enter the field of play unless the players are acknowledged and the coaches are requested by the referee;
- (5) Consume alcoholic beverages, drugs or tobacco products at any time during practices or competition or come to any practice or competition under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

(g) Violation of this rule will result in suspension and is subject to Article III, Section 11: Suspension of Players and Coaches)

(h) Coaches are responsible for:

- (1) The conduct of their players and parents on and off the field before, during and after the match;
- (2) Keeping their substitutes and parents 2 yards behind the touchline;
- (3) Having all their players at the match site 15 minutes prior to the start of the match;
- (4) Being knowledgeable of the soccer rules;
- (5) Providing the referee with one linesman to assist the referee during the match.

SECTION 2: PROTESTS

(a) The procedure for filing a protest for Recreational Teams will be to submit a written description of the purported error. It should contain the particulars of the referee's improper procedure in the administration of a specifically stated rule or rules of the game. No protest will be accepted on the basis of judgment calls rendered by the referee. A coach or his/her designee must submit the original to the Association Director of Competition, the opposing coach and the referee involved so all parties have the protest in their hands within 72 hours after the match. The original must be submitted with a \$10.00 protest fee, which will be refunded immediately if the protest is upheld. Written comments may be submitted by all parties. Failure to comply exactly with these procedures shall automatically void the protest.

(b) The Director of Competition will handle the protest within 7 days after the related match and the decision will be final.

SECTION 3: OFFICIATING

(a) A referee shall be assigned by the Director of Competition to officiate each match with the authority assigned to him/her as defined in the Laws of the Game (FIFA). He/she shall have the authority to reject the linesman provided by the competing teams. The referee must file a misconduct report to the Director of Competition and the age group representative for all coaches and players ejected from the game. The report must be filed within one week of the incident.

(b) The referee shall at all times put great emphasis on the welfare of the players and officiate each match in a manner inducing clean competition and sportsmanship. The referee is empowered to end any match if in his/her opinion players or coaches are not conducting themselves according to the NCenYSA, WSYSA, or FIFA rules. If players or coaches do not abide by the referee's decision, the match will be abandoned and the score at game abandonment will become the final score. If the match is between two Member Clubs, the Association will review the case. The referee will submit to the NCenYSA Board, in writing, an explanation of his/her action. The Board will review the incident with the referee, coaches and players involved and take any action it deems appropriate.