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2 **YOUNGSTOWN AREA YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE**
3 **Constitution**
4 **Revised and Approved November 12 ,2008**
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6 **Article I:** The name of the organization is the Youngstown Area Youth Soccer league, hereafter
7 referred to as the YAYSL. It shall be registered with and maintain affiliation with the Ohio
8 Youth Soccer Association-North (OYSAN) and the United States Youth Soccer Association
9 (USYSA). The YAYSL affiliated with the OYSAN, USYSA and the FIFA are subject to all their
10 rules and regulations. Three fourths (3/4) vote (of trustees in good standing) is required to change
11 affiliation.
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13 **Article II:** Mission Statement: The Youngstown Area Youth Soccer League (YAYSL) is a non-
14 profit 501 (c) (3) (b) organization dedicated towards teaching and actively promoting:

- 15 • The sport of soccer
- 16 • The development of players, coaches and referees
- 17 • Good sportsmanship
- 18 • Life skills for children and youth players of all levels of interests and abilities in a safe and
19 healthy environment. We make ethical decisions based on what is in the best interests for all our
20 members.

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22 **Article III:** The membership of the YAYSL shall be composed of clubs from community and
23 non-community affiliation (commonly referred to as “A” or “B”). Qualification for membership
24 shall be defined in Article 3 of the By-Laws.
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26 **Article IV:** The membership of the YAYSL shall govern the organization with a Board of
27 Trustees who are responsible for conducting the affairs of the league. The Board membership
28 shall consist of representatives from community and non-community clubs whose number shall
29 be fixed in a manner that in no event will be less than four.

30 A.) The Board of Trustees shall consist of one (1) representative and two (2) alternate
31 representatives from each community and non-community clubs registered at the beginning of
32 the current season (September 1 through August 31).

33 B.) The Board of Trustees shall elect an Executive Committee, pursuant to Article V, and said
34 Executive Committee shall be responsible for administering the business of the league. The
35 Executive Committee shall be defined in Article 2 of the By-Laws.

36 C.) No part of the net earnings of the YAYSL shall benefit or be distributed to its members,
37 officers, or other private citizens, except that which the YAYSL shall be authorized and
38 empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

39 D.) The members of the Executive Committee or the Board of Trustees of YAYSL shall receive
40 no salaries.
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42 **Article V:** Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and
43 scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organization that
44 qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) (b) of the Internal Revenue Code, or
45 corresponding section of any future tax code. A.) No part of the net earnings of the organization

46 shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private
47 persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable
48 compensation for services rendered and to make payments
49 and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No
50 substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or
51 otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or
52 intervene in (including the publishing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any
53 candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the
54 organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an
55 organization exempt from federal income tax under 501 (c) (3) (b) of the Internal Revenue Code,
56 or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions
57 to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding
58 section of any future federal tax code.

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60 **Article VI:** Upon dissolution of the YAYSL, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or
61 making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the YAYSL, dispose of all of the assets of
62 the organization exclusively for the purpose of the organization organized and operated
63 exclusively for charitable or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt
64 organization or organization under section 501 (c) (3) (b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954
65 or any other corresponding provisions of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law as the Executive
66 Committee shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the
67 Court of Commons Pleas of Mahoning County exclusively for such purposes or to such
68 organization as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for
69 such purposes.

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71 **Article VII:** The YAYSL shall not discriminate against anyone because of their race, sex,
72 religion, politics or national origin.

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74 **Article VIII: Meetings and Representation**

75 Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM; with the exception
76 that there will be no regularly scheduled meeting during the months of December and January.
77 **There will be a mandatory meeting in February of each year for communities that would**
78 **like to participate in Spring League Play. This meeting is optional for communities that will**
79 **not be participating in Spring League and therefore attendance will not count either for or**
80 **against a community.**

81 A) The Board of Trustees shall consist of one (1) representative and two (2) alternate
82 representatives from each community and non-community clubs registered at the beginning of
83 current season, September 1 through August 31. The official list is maintained by the Secretary.

84 B) The order of business for monthly meetings will be:

- 85 1) Call to order
86 2) Reading and approving of previous meeting minutes
87 3) Correspondence
88 4) Treasurer's report
89 5) Registrar's report
90 6) Committee reports
91 7) Old business

- 92 8) New business
- 93 9) Adjournment
- 94 C) Standing Committees:
- 95 1) Competition
- 96 2) Referees Association/Clinics
- 97 3) Tournament
- 98 4) **Coaching**
- 99 5) By-Laws / Policies
- 100 6) Awards (trophies, coach of the year, sportsmanship of the year, etc.)

101 D) A simple majority vote, one-half (1/2) of the membership present (who are in good standing)
102 plus one (e.g., 6 members is a quorum, a majority vote would be 4), will decide all issues unless
103 otherwise stated.

104 E) Special meetings may be called via e-mail with a minimum of seventy-two (72) hours notice
105 to all community and non-community clubs in good standing.

106 F) Each Trustee has one vote on all issues (if they are in good standing). No community or non-
107 community club shall have more than one vote. A trustee or one of the officially designated
108 alternates must be present at the league meeting in order to vote on any item business. A simple
109 majority vote is needed to confirm. New applications by any community or non-community club
110 can be voted on prior to any meeting up until the league schedules being written. Being accepted
111 as a new community or a new non-community club requires a majority vote with voting rights
112 being awarded to the new community or new non-community club the following year.

113 G) Each community and non-community club shall be represented at each scheduled league
114 meeting. Repetitive absenteeism at league meetings by a designated community or non-
115 community club representative or alternate of more than one (1) meeting per seasonal year
116 (seasonal year being September 1st through August 31st of the following year) will warrant
117 severe measures against the community or non-community club by the Executive Committee up
118 to and including suspension from league play and/or loss of YAYSL affiliation. Missing more
119 than one (1) monthly Trustee meeting in a seasonal year will automatically mean that the
120 community or non-community club will lose voting privileges and that their community or non-
121 community club will become an affiliate member with no voting rights for the next twelve (12)
122 months beginning with the month after the second (2nd) month they missed, (e.g., if you missed
123 March and Junes' meeting of one seasonal year, your voting suspension will start in July of the
124 same year and conclude in July of the following year.) and that community or non-community
125 club will not be considered a member in regards to establishing a quorum. In order for a
126 community or non-community club to regain voting rights they must attend league scheduled
127 meetings during their voting suspension and not miss more than one (1) meeting per seasonal
128 year.

129 H) YAYSL constitution and by-laws are superceded only by OYSAN, USYSA, and USSF rules
130 and regulations. All issues not specifically covered in the constitution or by-laws of the YAYSL
131 will be dealt with by the Executive Committee of the YAYSL under OYSAN and USYSA rules,
132 regulations and philosophy. The decision of Executive Committee is final in these instances.

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134 **Article IX:** The Constitution may be amended or revised by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the
135 entire Board of Trustees (who are in good standing) at the Annual General Meeting of the
136 YAYSL the second Wednesday of November or a special meeting called for such purposes. All

137 revisions of the Constitution will take effect with the next calendar year (January 1 – December
138 31).

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140 **Adopted By: Y.A.Y.S.L. Board of Trustees By: _____**

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President

142 **Date: November 12, 2008 Witnessed By: _____**

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