



BONNEVILLE YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

RULES AND REGULATIONS

***Mission Statement:** The purpose of BYSL is to provide a competitive learning environment through physical challenges, emotional satisfaction, and mental growth. This improves youth soccer within the league's jurisdiction by:*

- 1. providing developmental players with an enjoyable environment while participating at higher levels of skills and play.*
- 2. teaching players advanced skills that would allow them to compete successfully at the state, regional, and collegiate level.*
- 3. providing high quality coaching that supports continuing players' development and improve individual self reliance.*

1. MODIFICATION OF FIFA LAWS OF THE GAME

"Bonneville Youth Soccer League" shall play soccer in accordance with the Federation Internationale de Football (FIFA) Laws of the game and rules of the registered affiliate, except as amended for Snake River League play, BYSL programs, and by individual tournaments.

2. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- a. The league shall adhere to national and state youth organization policies relative to disciplinary actions taken against officials, coaches, teams, players, etc., involved in league programs.
- b. The Board of Directors (here after referred to as the Board) shall establish a Disciplinary committee (comprised of board members), to review misconduct by players, coaches, parents, or other persons participating in the league programs, and to administer any subsequent disciplinary actions. Non-board members may be invited to sit on the committee by the Board for each review case (example: a member of the referee association). The Board shall notify in advance those persons whose

conduct is being reviewed. Those individuals will be allowed to present any pertinent information or testimony to the committee for consideration. The committee may require the offending person(s) to appear before the committee to provide testimony. The committee will decide on any disciplinary action(s) to be taken against the offending individual(s). The chairman of the committee is responsible for notifying the offending individual, as well as the Board membership, of any disciplinary actions taken.

- c. The coach or assistant coach of any BYSL team may be removed at any time by a majority vote of the Board for reasons of misconduct.
- d. "Illegal Recruitment" or "poaching" defined:

Any team, which through its responsible officials, officers, or representatives, attempts to induce an obligated player of any team under the jurisdiction of this League to leave his/her team before the end of the current playing season shall be deemed to have committed an offense for poaching and shall be subject to discipline per the BYSL Rules and Regulations, Disciplinary Procedures.

 - 1. "Current playing season" where not otherwise defined by BYSL Program Rules and Regulations shall be defined as:
 - a) Spring season begins at the conclusion of the last session of the spring season try-out period and ends on the following July 31.
 - b) Fall season begins on the last day of the fall season try-out period and ends after the last tournament game is complete.
 - 2. "Illegal Recruitment" or "poaching" includes the following actions:
 - a) Making first contact with an obligated player or parent of the player from another team/club to discuss their program with the intent to recruit.
 - 1) A coach may not, at any time directly or indirectly, via oral or written communication, approach a player for recruitment purposes that is obligated to a team.
 - 2) The coach cannot, at any time, be represented by third party to recruit players. Anyone who benefits from recruiting can be in violation of the rules, e. g., coaches, managers, parents, players.
 - b) Offers of incentives such as material goods, gifts, scholarships, reductions in fees, trips, uniforms and other equipment to persuade a player to transfer. Nothing herein shall prohibit teams/clubs from assisting players with fees and equipment in accordance with team/club policy.
 - c) Using a position of authority to persuade or coerce a player to transfer. This may include adults involved with the ODP, adults involved with clinics and soccer schools, adults involved with high school programs or other non-affiliated programs such as indoor soccer.
 - 3. A player is considered "obligated" to a team:
 - a) After the try-out period for the upcoming season is complete and the player has been assigned to a team via the regular BYSL try-out process (i. e., the registrar has given the player's consent form to a coach or manager); and/or
 - b) The player is registered with a BYSL team. (i. e., player registration form is submitted to the BYSL registrar as part of a team roster).

4. "Acceptable practice" for contacting players after the playing season ends and prior to try-outs:
 - a) Public notification of team/club open house/meetings through mass media sources such as websites, TV and newspaper advertisements. Direct contact is allowed only with players registered with the team/club during the prior season.
 - b) Parents or legal guardians must be contacted prior to approaching players under 18 years of age.
5. Violations shall be considered as valid with confirming proof including additional witnesses to the alleged violation. Alleged violations must be reported in writing to the League within 10 days of the alleged action.
 - a) Each alleged violation shall be reviewed by the BYSL Director of Coaching for initial investigation. If deemed necessary by the Director of Coaching, a Disciplinary Committee will be formed in adherence with Section 2. Disciplinary Procedures, of the BYSL Rules and Regulations.
 - b) Respective clubs shall be responsible for the actions of their teams.
6. Violation of the recruiting prohibition shall be sanctioned as follows:

First offense: The Coach will be suspended from BYSL related activities for 90 days. Depending on circumstances the disciplinary committee may chose to further disciplinary actions.

Second offense: The coach will be suspended from BYSL related activities for 180 days. Depending on circumstances the disciplinary committee may chose to further disciplinary actions.

Third offense: The coach will be suspended from BYSL related activities for two-years. "BYSL related activities" include games, practices, team training assignments or any BYSL Board position.

3. CODE OF CONDUCT

- a. The BYSL Code of Conduct for coaches, players, parents/guardians, and board members/directors attached in Attachment 2, are incorporated to the BYSL Rules and Regulations.
- b. All coaches shall sign a code of conduct prior to being approved by the Board of Directors.
- c. All players and least one parent/guardian for each player must sign the code of conduct in order to register through BYSL.
- d. All board members and directors shall sign the code of conduct prior to performing duties as a board member or director.
- e. Any violation of an incorporated Code of Conduct constitutes a violation of the BYSL Rules and is subject to the BYSL disciplinary procedures.

4. FINANCIAL

- a. BYSL shall have responsibility for BYSL teams. BYSL teams are required to conduct financial

matters through BYSL, to confirm financial accountability for funds and resources obtained from parents, players, sponsors, donors, etc.

1. All checks for amounts payable to BYSL shall be made out to BYSL.
 2. The BYSL tax identification number shall not be used by other than BYSL.
 3. A financial review of League finances and accounts is to be accomplished semiannually by a BYSL board appointed financial review committee.
 4. No single individual shall have control of the expenditures for the league. (Multiple signatures are required for checking accounts - president, treasurer, registrar, and secretary shall be signatories for BYSL checks.)
 5. The BYSL treasurer shall have authority to transfer funds between existing BYSL accounts without the necessity of a second signature.
 6. The Treasurer may establish an interest bearing account if it is in the best interest of BYSL.
 7. A contingency fund will exist within the "dedicated funds" account to insure that cash flow needs are met.
- b. All BYSL teams must be in good financial standing with BYSL.
1. All BYSL teams may be subject to financial audit by BYSL.
 2. Each Club shall present a financial plan to the Board each season for review and approval. This plan is to include estimated revenue sources, player fees, anticipated expenses, and how team finances will be managed (including the names of individuals responsible). Significant deviations from this plan are to be submitted to the Board for approval.
 3. The Clubs are responsible for providing a year end accounting of finances.
- c. BYSL will provide funds for travel, lodging, and food for the president and registrar to attend annual general meetings of state organizations with which BYSL is affiliated.
- d. No refunds of registration fees will be made after the fees have been submitted to the BYSL registrar.
- e. Scholarship Applications for BYSL fees are to be reviewed and approved by the BYSL president.
- f. Sponsorship of BYSL teams is permissible. Discrete advertising of a sponsor (in the form of patches, logos, etc.) will be allowed with Board approval

5. COACHING

- a. The Board has responsibility for screening and providing approval of all coaches. Coaches may participate in any league program they desire, provided they meet the league's criteria for that program.
1. The board will begin approving coaches for Spring play in September.
 2. The board will begin approving coaches for Fall play in April.
- b. The Board will establish the minimum standards and qualification for coaches at the different competitive levels (examples include licenses, training, no evidence of moral turpitude, etc.)
1. Coaches of teams U13 (Including Junior High) and older must hold a minimum of an USSF "E" Level coaching license, or equivalent.

2. Coaches of U12 competitive teams must hold a minimum “E” level coaching, or equivalent.
 3. Coaches of U12 teams and younger must hold a minimum of a U10/U12 Youth Module certificate, or equivalent.
 4. New coaches have a one (1) year grace period.
 5. A coaching evaluation form is to be mailed to each player/parent (at the completion of the season). Completed forms are to be correlated and used in determining which coaches are approved for future teams.
- c. A club may select its candidate coaches based on the criteria it establishes, provided this criteria does not conflict with that established by the BYSL and state and national organizations with which the club has registered teams.
- d. BYSL will maintain a Coaches Training Budget
1. Youth Module, “E”, and “D” coach clinic and licensing fees will be funded completely by BYSL, upon successful completion of the course.
 2. The Director of Coaching shall head a committee made up of at least three (3) people to manage the Training budget by reviewing and approving all expenditures for BYSL coaches seeking to obtain or upgrade their credentials.
- e. All BYSL team coaches (or a designated, approved assistant) will attend tryout.
- f. All teams should have two adults present during any team functions, including but not limited to games, practices, team parties.

6. PLAYER SELECTION

- a. The BYSL Board shall establish a period over which tryouts will be conducted for each season, including the first date at which tryouts can begin.
1. The Board will coordinate tryouts to the extent that players failing to make the team of their first choice will be provided the opportunity to tryout for those teams needing players.
 2. Players will be allowed to change teams as per the policies of their team's state or national affiliate.
- b. The guidelines and age groupings for teams will be consistent with the team's state or national affiliate policy and direction. The Board may establish additional guidelines .
- c. The following rules and policies apply to tryouts for BYSL teams:
1. Tryouts for teams will be open to all players. Players may tryout for the team of their choice.
 2. Teams shall adhere to the BYSL play-up policy – see Appendix 1.
 3. Teams shall submit an activities plan; to include level of play, participation in league play, anticipated travel, anticipated tournaments, and anticipated cost for each team.
- d. The following rules and policies apply to player selection for BYSL teams:
1. Minimum roster size for Full Sided BYSL teams is 14.
- e. Each team participating in Snake River League play through BYSL must provide BYSL with

information on coach, age group, and gender for each team participating within BYSL.

1. Team information must be provided by BYSL-set deadline in order to facilitate league scheduling.
 2. Teams formed after that date will be allowed into BYSL play on a case by case basis, subject to BYSL Scheduler and Board approval.
- f. The BYSL Registrar will keep a copy of the registration form for every BYSL player on file for one year.
- g. BYSL tryouts are league-wide and structured such that the combination of players' preferences and coaches' selections determine where a player is rostered. Tryouts will consist of a maximum of 2 two hour sessions with a one hour break in between.
1. All players must fill out a registration form and it must be signed by a parent or legal guardian (if under the age of 18) in order to participate in tryouts. This form allows them to participate in the tryout process. The form will be submitted to the League Registrar or the designated assistant.
 2. Each player will complete a choice form indicating their coach/team preference. This form allows the player to identify their first, second, third, etc. choice for the team/coach of the age-group in which they wish to play. Players will be given the opportunity to update their choice form after the first or second session of tryouts. Coaches will given a copy of the roster choices indicating what the players preferences at the beginning of the second session if not sooner.
 3. After the final tryout session is complete, each head coach will submit their preferred 11 to 18 players, with alternates listed in order of preference, to the League Registrar within three (3) days of the final session. The League Registrar and President will sort the player selections and compare them against the coach selections. If the player selected the coach as their number one choice and the coach selected the player, that is the team where the player will be rostered. If the coach did not select the player, the player will be placed on their second choice team, etc. until all rosters are full. At this time players are considered attached to a team. No changes will be allowed once tryouts have been concluded. Any roster changes at this point will have to follow the transfer guidelines or will be considered poaching.
 4. Coaches are not to contact players as to whether they have made the team until after their roster has been returned to them by the BYSL registrar or designated assistant.

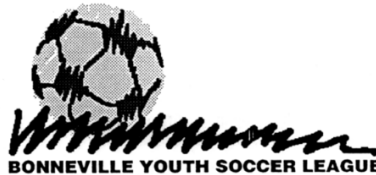
7. CLUBS

- a. BYSL Clubs must meet the following requirements:
1. Clubs must consist of a minimum of two (2) teams.
 2. Each club shall consist of, as a minimum, a President, Treasurer, Registrar, and Director of Coaching.
- b. Each BYSL Club must prepare and submit a written plan of organization to the Board for review and approval. This plan must include:
1. Names of directors and others who will have a management interest in the operation of the club.
 2. Names of Club officers (President, Treasurer, Registrar, Director of Coaching, etc.)

- c. Any changes to the plan of organization must be submitted to the Board for review.
- d. Club teams may be comprised of U13 teams and above.
- e. The clubs shall pay their coaches' state or national affiliate registration fees.
- f. Each Club is limited to two (2) affiliated members on the BYSL Board. An affiliated member shall be defined as an Officer, Head Coach, Assistant Coach, or Team Manager of the Club.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. The name of the BYSL newsletter shall be the 'Far Post' and to be published twice a year.
- b. Each season (Spring and Fall), two soccer balls will be ordered for each team registered within BYSL. BYSL shall distribute the equipment (balls & nets) to the clubs in the Spring. The clubs will be responsible for then distributing the equipment to the individual teams
- c. The Idaho Falls Shootout Tournament Director is to be selected in August for the following year.
- d. Any person completing an entry level referee course and having refereed BYSL games will be reimbursed for their registration fees based on certification by Head Referee.
- e. The BYSL logo shall be:



Appendix: 1

BYSL Play-Up Policy

- a. BYSL players will be allowed to play up ONE (1) age group with proper documentation and parental approval.
- b. Players wishing to play-up TWO (2) age groups or more are subject to the policies of state or national affiliate with which the team is registered and are required to provide the proper documentation and parental approval.
- c. This policy does not apply to the BYSL Programs, which shall designate program-specific restrictions.

Appendix: 2

BYSL Code of Conduct

Coach Code of Conduct

All participants must agree to accept and abide by the rules of the Bonneville Youth Soccer League (BYSL) and its programs.

Purpose

This code of conduct has been developed to clarify and distinguish approved and accepted ethical and moral behavior from that which is detrimental to the development of soccer within BYSL.

Policy

Coaches participating in any program with BYSL are exercising a privilege afforded them by BYSL. This privilege is offered and granted to individuals who perform capably during BYSL sanctioned and approved activities. It carries with it an obligation for each individual coach to uphold and promote the stated goals and objectives. Any conduct considered unethical or a conflict of interest shall be subject to discipline by the BYSL.

Responsibility to Players

4. Coaches shall never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of any players.
5. Coaches shall instruct players to play within the written laws of the game and within the spirit of the game at all times.
6. Coaches shall not seek unfair advantage by teaching deliberate unsportsmanlike behavior to players.
7. Coaches shall not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players, regardless of the situation.
8. Demands on players' time should never be so extensive as to interfere with academic goals or progress.
9. Coaches must never encourage players or parents to violate BYSL recruitment or eligibility rules or policies.
10. Coaches should direct players to seek proper medical attention for injuries and to follow the physician's instructions regarding treatment and recovery.

Responsibility to BYSL

4. Adherence to all BYSL and national and state affiliate rules and policies, especially those regarding player eligibility, team formation, and recruitment are mandatory and must never be violated. It is the responsibility of each coach to know and understand these rules.
5. Any problems that cannot be resolved between coaches should be referred to a BYSL official.

Responsibility to the Laws of the Game

3. Coaches should be thoroughly acquainted with and demonstrate a working knowledge of the Laws of the Game.
4. Coaches are responsible to assure their players understand the intent as well as the application of the Laws.
5. Coaches must adhere to the letter and the spirit of the Laws of the Game.
6. Coaches are responsible for their players' actions on the field and must not permit them to perform with intent of causing injury to opposing players.
7. The coach must constantly strive to teach good sporting behavior.

Responsibility to Officials

- 3. Coaches must always refrain from criticizing officials in the presence of players or spectators.
- 4. Coaches must not participate in demeaning dialogue or gestures between officials, coaches or players.
- 5. Coaches must not attempt to or incite players or spectators to disrupt the flow of the game.
- 6. Comments regarding officials should be made in writing to the appropriate organization assigning the official.

Responsibility of Public Relations

- g. Coaches have a responsibility to promote the game of soccer to the public. Comments and critiques of governing bodies, teams, coaches, players, parents to the media should be positive and constructive.
- h. Coaches have the responsibility to assist their players in conducting themselves properly when in public, when representing their team, their club and BYSL.
- i. Coaches must not attempt to influence BYSL in political or financial dealings outside the framework of their rules and By-Laws.

Other Responsibilities

- 8. Coaches must conduct themselves at all times in a manner such as to bring credit to himself/herself, the league and the sport of soccer ; and will not bring discredit upon the league or the sport.
- 9. The attitude and conduct of the coach towards officials, players, spectators and other coaches must be controlled and undemonstrative. Coaches must never use foul or abusive language before, during or after a game or training session.
- 10. It is unacceptable for a coach to have any verbal altercation with an opposing coach or bench before, during or after the game.
- 11. The coach has an obligation to be forthright when discussing advantages of his/her organization and refrain from making derogatory remarks regarding other coaches, teams and organizations.
- 12. It is unethical for a coach to make a statement or obligation to a prospective athlete or their parents or care-givers which cannot be fulfilled. It is illegal to promise any kind of compensation or inducement for play. It is immoral to deliver same.
- 13. Respect for property of others, adherence to rules and guidelines as stated here and observance of state and federal laws are required for participation in BYSL programs.

Discipline

Failure to abide by the above rules and guidelines may result in disciplinary action as determined by BYSL in adherence with BYSL Disciplinary Procedures.

I, the undersigned, have read, understand and agree to abide by the above rules and guidelines. I also agree to accept actions taken for failure to abide by these rules and guidelines.

Print Coach's Name

Signature of Coach

Date

Date Received by BYSL

Player Code of Conduct

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Purpose

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Policy

Players participating in any program with BYSL are exercising a privilege afforded them by BYSL. This privilege is offered and granted to individuals who participate in BYSL sanctioned and approved activities. It carries with it an obligation for each individual player to uphold and promote the stated goals and objectives. Any conduct considered unethical shall be subject to discipline by the BYSL.

Responsibilities

3. Players are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner such as to bring credit to himself/herself, the league and the sport of soccer; and will not bring discredit upon the league or the sport.
4. Players shall strive to play within the written laws of the game and within the spirit of the game at all times.
5. The attitude and conduct of players towards officials, opponents, spectators and coaches must be controlled and undemonstrative. Players must never use foul or abusive language before, during or after a game or training session.
6. It is unacceptable for a player to have any verbal altercation with an opposing coach or bench before, during or after the game.
7. Players must not perform with intent of causing injury to opposing players.
8. Players have a responsibility to promote the game of soccer to the public. Comments and critiques of governing bodies, teams, coaches, players, parents to the media should be positive and constructive.
9. Respect for property of others, adherence to rules and guidelines as stated here or by the coach or team manager, and observance of state and federal laws are required for participation in BYSL programs.

Discipline

Failure to abide by the above rules and guidelines may result in disciplinary action as determined by BYSL in adherence with BYSL Disciplinary Procedures.

We, the undersigned, have read, understand and agree to abide by the above rules and guidelines. We also agree to accept actions taken for failure to abide by these rules and guidelines.

Print Player's Name

Signature of Player

Date

Print Parent/Legal Guardian's Name

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Date Received by BYSL

Parent, Legal Guardian Code of Conduct

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Purpose

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Policy

Parents, legal guardians, or care-givers, herein after referred to as “parents”, who have players participating in any program with BYSL are exercising a privilege afforded them by BYSL. This privilege is offered and granted to individuals who participate in BYSL sanctioned and approved activities. It carries with it an obligation for each individual parent to uphold and promote the stated goals and objectives. Any conduct considered unethical shall be subject to discipline by the BYSL.

Responsibilities

3. Parents are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner such as to bring credit to himself/herself, the league and the sport of soccer; and will not bring discredit upon the league or the sport.
4. The attitude and conduct of parents towards officials, players, coaches and other spectators must be controlled and undemonstrative. Parents must never use foul or abusive language before, during or after a game or training session.
5. It is unacceptable for a parent to have any verbal altercation with a coach, player or spectator before, during or after the game.
6. Parents shall never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of any players.
7. Parents must never violate BYSL recruitment or eligibility rules or policies.
8. Parents must not participate in demeaning dialogue or gestures between officials, coaches, players, or other spectators.
9. Parents must not attempt to or incite players or other spectators to disrupt the flow of the game.
10. Comments regarding officials should be made in writing to the appropriate organization assigning the official.
11. It is unethical for a parent to make a statement or obligation to a prospective athlete or their parents or care-givers which cannot be fulfilled. It is illegal to promise any kind of compensation or inducement for play. It is immoral to deliver same.
12. Parents have a responsibility to promote the game of soccer to the public. Comments and critiques of governing bodies, teams, coaches, players, parents to the media should be positive and constructive.
13. Respect for property of others, adherence to rules and guidelines as stated here or by the coach or team manager, and observance of state and federal laws are required for participation in BYSL programs.

Discipline

Failure to abide by the above rules and guidelines may result in disciplinary action as determined by BYSL in adherence with BYSL Disciplinary Procedures.

I, the undersigned, have read, understand and agree to abide by the above rules and guidelines. I also agree to accept actions taken for failure to abide by these rules and guidelines.

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Date Received by BYSL

Board Member or Director Code of Conduct

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Applicability

“Directors” refers to all members of the Board of Directors, who are elected by the BYSL membership or non-voting members, who are appointed by the BYSL President.

Purpose

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Policy

Directors supervising or participating in any program with BYSL are exercising a privilege afforded them by BYSL. This privilege is offered and granted to individuals who perform capably on behalf of BYSL, its business and affairs and sanctioned and approved activities. It carries with it an obligation for each individual to uphold and promote the stated goals and objectives of BYSL. Any conduct considered unethical or a conflict of interest shall be subject to discipline by the BYSL Board of Directors.

Responsibility to League Membership and Board of Directors

14. Adherence to all BYSL and national and state affiliate rules and policies is mandatory and must never be violated. It is the responsibility of each Director to know and understand these rules.
15. Directors serve the BYSL Membership and hold office for the benefit of the League's Members. Directors are bound to observe in their official acts the highest standards of morality and to discharge faithfully the duties of their office regardless of personal considerations, recognizing that the Members' interest must be their primary concern.
16. Directors shall not tolerate inappropriate behavior from League Members, regardless of the situation.
17. Directors must never encourage clubs, coaches, players or parents to violate BYSL recruitment or eligibility rules or policies.
18. The attitude and conduct of Directors toward game officials, players, spectators, coaches, other affiliate officials and other board members must be controlled and undemonstrative. Directors must never use foul or abusive language when conducting BYSL business or at any BYSL activity.
19. Directors have an obligation to be forthright when discussing advantages of his/her motion or amendment to league rules and regulations. These arguments must be made in a civil manner.
20. Directors will refrain from making, promoting, or repeating allegations about members of the League, the Board of Directors, or any member of the community without following the established procedures as outlined in either the BYSL rules and policies, or the state or national affiliate policies regarding disciplinary actions. Directors recognize that it is inappropriate to discuss such matters without ascertaining and naming a direct and identifiable source with personal knowledge of the alleged impropriety.
21. Directors will refrain from making allegations of impropriety, self serving, or ulterior motives against any Director without following BYSL rules and policies, or the state or national affiliate procedures for discipline, and first making the allegation known to the Board member in question in private.
22. Directors will refrain from making any allegation of impropriety without personal first hand knowledge or identifying the individual with the first hand knowledge that would make such allegation.
23. Directors must not attempt to influence BYSL in political or financial dealings outside the framework of their rules and By-Laws.
24. Directors shall not engage in any conduct that would subject the Board or league to any legal action of slander or libel. It is unethical for Directors to make statements or accusations that are defamatory in nature about members of the association, without specific evidence that justifies the accusation.

Confidential Obligations

- 6. All written and oral information and materials disclosed or provided for BYSL business or affairs regarding member financial assistance or disciplinary action is Confidential Information regardless of how it was provided. Confidential Information is also defined as any business or affairs conducted in a Board meeting that is closed to the public.
- 7. Directors must keep the Confidential Information private. Directors must refrain from discussing the Confidential Information except in meetings scheduled for that purpose. Directors must restrict public comment to the official statement as designated by the Board or the committee conducting the business.
- 8. The obligations to ensure and protect the confidentiality of the Confidential Information imposed on Directors will survive the expiration or termination, as the case may be, of the Director's term of service and those obligations will last indefinitely

Responsibility of Public Relations

- 11. Directors have a responsibility to promote the game of soccer to the public. Comments and critiques of governing bodies, teams, coaches, players, parents to the media should be positive and constructive.
- 12. Directors have the responsibility to assist the membership in conducting themselves properly when in public, when representing any BYSL affiliate.
- 13. Directors must always refrain from criticizing participants in any BYSL activities in public.
- 14. Directors must not participate in demeaning dialog or gestures or to have any verbal altercation between other affiliate officials, other board members, game officials, coaches or players.
- 15. Directors must conduct themselves at all times in a manner such as to bring credit to himself/herself, the league and the sport of soccer ; and will not bring discredit upon the league or the sport.
- 16. Respect for property of others, adherence to rules and guidelines as stated here and observance of state and federal laws are required for participation in BYSL programs.

Discipline

Violation of any provision of this Code of Conduct should raise conscientious questions for a Director as to whether voluntary resignation or other action is indicated to promote the best interests of the BYSL membership.

I, the undersigned, have read, understand and agree to abide by the above rules and guidelines. I also agree to accept actions taken for failure to abide by these rules and guidelines.

Print Director's Name

Signature of Director

Date

Date Received by BYSL President