

**SPORTS CONNECTIONS OF OHIO
APPLESEED YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

Revised February 13, 2007

**THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
APPLESEED YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization is the Sports Connection of Ohio, DBA Appleseed Youth Soccer Association (AYSA). Membership is voluntary. The AYSA is a non-profit, 501©3 organization. The scope is limited to boys and girls engaged in youth soccer on the amateur level.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of the AYSA is to promote, educate, regulate, and supervise youth soccer, to provide competition, and to develop, both male and female, soccer players through coaching, refereeing, and player training programs, to encourage good sportsmanship and fair play among all participants.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

The Membership of AYSA is open to area soccer clubs in good standing with AYSA and its affiliates. AYSA will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex or national origin. An organization becomes a member when its written application has been accepted by the Board of Representatives of the AYSA. When an organization is accepted into the AYSA it is subject to its Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV PRECEDENCE

The USSF and OYSAN articles of incorporation, by-laws, policies and requirements take precedence over and supersede the governing documents and decisions of AYSA and its members. The AYSA articles of incorporation, by-laws, policies and requirements take precedence over and supersede the governing documents and decisions of its member clubs and will abide to the extent applicable under state law. The above notwithstanding, AYSA will protect, support, and defend the right of every member club to operate its local programs under its own constitution, by-laws and rules, and in accordance with the wishes of the placers, coaches and administrators who play soccer under the jurisdiction of local clubs.

ARTICLE V TERRITORY

The boundaries of AYSA shall include all of Richland and surrounding counties.

ARTICLE VI LOCATION

AYSA will maintain an office designated by the Executive Committee of AYSA which will be within the territory of the association.

ARTICLE VII COLORS

The official colors of the AYSA will be red, white and blue

ARTICLE VIII ORGANIZATION

The AYSA shall operate pursuant to the laws of the State of Ohio and the United States of America. AYSA will have policies on registration, travel, discipline and appeals, safety of players and other policies. AYSA prohibits all abuse of participants including sexual and physical, and will maintain policies to help prevent such actions from occurring.

ARTICLE IX ADMINISTRATION

The governing body of AYSA shall be the Board of Representatives (BOR) which shall consist of a representative from each member club. The BOR will elect an Executive Committee which will oversee the operation of the AYSA and will enforce the decisions made by the BOR. The Executive Committee (EC) will be elected for a one-year term. However, the EC members may be elected to consecutive terms.

A. The officers and duties of the Executive Committee:

President:

- a. Preside: over all meetings of the AYSA
- b. Casts deciding vote at all BOR meetings
- c. Sets the time and place for all BOR meetings and calls special meetings as needed
- d. Calls meetings to hear all protests and is the Disciplinary Committee Chair.
- e. Interprets Constitution and By-Laws during meetings
- f. Co-Signs for money drawn from AYSA funds

Vice- President:

- a. Presides at meetings in the place of President
- b. Becomes the President if the President resigns
- c. Handles all publicity for AYSA
- d. Shall be in charge of Fund Raising Activities
- e. Shall keep an inventory of all physical property belonging TO the AYSA

Treasurer:

- a. Shall be responsible for all financial transactions with member clubs
- b. Prepares a current financial report for the BOR to review at their regular monthly meetings
- c. Presents a budget for approval at the Annual BOR Meeting
- d. Writes and Co-Signs checks drawn from AYSA funds

Secretary:

- a. Writes all AYS A correspondence of an official nature
- b. Keeps a record of all proceedings
- c. Provides prior months minutes for approval at regularly scheduled BOR meetings

Scheduler:

- a. Makes game schedules in coordination with referees and owner of playing fields
- b. Handles all schedule changes

Registrar:

- a. Registers all players and teams as to age, gender, club affiliation, experience, and other pertinent information as authorized by the BOR

Recorder:

- a. Records and keeps a record of all game scores
- b. Shall provide team records of prior season at Pre-Season Alignment

- B. All officers of the EC may have the vote of their member club with the exception of the President. The member club from which the President is a member will elect or appoint a new member to the BOR. Other EC officers have the option to appoint a different club member as their BOR.

The EC shall hear all protests, with each EC officer receiving one vote. If one or more members of the EC are from a team or member club involved in the protest, they shall not vote. The remaining officers shall select at random enough members from the BOR to fill the positions of members not voting.

The EC will be in charge of scheduling and leveling all fines and or charges against any team or member club as per the By-Laws of the AYSA.

The EC shall appoint committees not otherwise provided for.

- C. The Executive Committee shall establish a formal seasonal budget to be presented to the BOR for their concurrence at the Annual BOR Meeting. After final approval of the budget, a written update will be distributed to the various representatives at the monthly meeting.
- D. The Executive Committee shall only have the power and authority as set forth in the By-Laws, rules, and policies of AYSA. They shall transact business in the name of AYSA.

- E. The Board of Representatives shall meet on a regular basis. Special meetings can be called as deemed necessary by the BOR.
- F. The BOR may hire employees to perform the tasks necessary for the administration of the programs of AYSA.

ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION

Three-fourths (3/4) vote of member clubs is required to dissolve and end this Association. In that event, the assets of this association shall be distributed to the United States Soccer Federation, or any other eligible non-profit organization as directed by the majority of the Board of Representatives.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

The BOR may propose amendments to this Constitution. Amendments to this Constitution will require a 3/4 vote of the members at a duly called BOR meeting. Proposals must be submitted in writing at one meeting and voted on at the next.

ARTICLE XII RATIFICATION

The formal ratification of the Revised Constitution shall take place immediately after the meeting at which it was voted upon. All members of the BOR present must sign the dated ratification page.

Ratified 2-13-07

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Representative</u>
ONTARIO YOUTH SPORTS	KEVIN SPENCER
Flower Soccer Club	Tosh Rider
Discovery	Cynthia Patrick / Cynthia Patrick
MAISON SOUTH SOCCER	Steve Hoffman
Willard Lightning Soccer	John King
Springmill Soccer	Judy Ames
Eastview Soccer	Carl Moore
Galion Soccer Assoc.	Ray Robinson
MIRAMON SOCCER CLUB	Jon Bonnik
Clear Fork	Valerie Winters
Lucas	Jim Mitchell
ASHLAND	
Massfield City	
Lieder Knute	Mark Shuman
Spartans Soccer Club	Deanna M. Adams
Lexington Soccer Association	Erin O. Schmitt
Woodland Soccer	JOE REED