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# **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

## **YUKON SOCCER CLUB, INC.**

### **ARTICLE 1: NAME**

The name of this CORPORATION shall be Yukon Soccer Club, Inc. hereinafter referred to as YSC, Inc., a nonprofit organization.

### **ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE AND AFFILIATIONS**

#### **SECTION 1: AFFILIATIONS**

The YSC, Inc. is formed as a nonprofit, education organization dedicated to support youth/adult education and propagation of amateur sports, particularly the game of soccer, in the Yukon area. The boundaries will be Banner Road on the West, Sara Road on the East, Southwest 15<sup>th</sup> on the South, and Northwest Highway on the North.

YSC, Inc. is affiliated with the Frontier Country Soccer Association (F.C.S.A.), the Oklahoma Soccer Association (O.S.A.), the United States Youth Soccer Association (U.S.Y.S.A.), The United States Soccer Federation (U.S.S.F), and the Federation Internationale de Football Association (F.I.F.A.). Through these affiliations the YSC, Inc. is the officially sanctioned youth soccer program for the Yukon area and it is understood that any youth soccer group that is not a member of the YSC, Inc. and therefore the F.C.S.A. in this area will not be officially affiliated with the U.S.S.F. These bylaws shall constitute the rules of YSC< Inc. unless they are not in compliance with the laws set out by our father organizations. In the event a specific item is not in compliance, or at a later time should by means of change by out of compliance, then the item in the YSC, Inc. bylaws that is out of compliance shall be null and void and of no force or effect. All other items not effected by this noncompliance will remain in full force and effect. YSC, Inc. also stipulates that our youth soccer program shall not reject any player application of any person for reason of race, color, creed, religion, or sex, or such other discriminatory practices as prohibited by laws.

#### **SECTION 2: PURPOSE**

At the central core of the YSC, Inc. lies the deep conviction that soccer should be played in a friendly, non competitive manner. All parents and coaches are urged to adopt this attitude, for it is the foundation upon which the club is based. It is also the purpose and requirement that all youths participating in the program should be allowed to play at least one half of every soccer match involving his team.

### **ARTICLE 3: MEMBERS**

#### **SECTION 1: ACCEPTANCE OF SOCCER TEAM AS MEMBER**

The Executive Committee may admit a soccer team to membership in the YSC, Inc., upon written application to and acceptance by the governing board.

## **SECTION 2: ACCEPTANCE OF FORMED SOCCER TEAM**

The organizations admitted to membership may be teams that are formed by the YSC, Inc. or they may be independently formed teams.

## **SECTION 3: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of any member team may be terminated at a special meeting called for that purpose by the concurrence of two-thirds of the eligible votes of the Board.

## **SECTION 4: DEFINITION OF VOTING MEMBERSHIP**

Voting members shall be those affiliated with the YSC, Inc.

Affiliation is defined as:

- A. Parents or guardians of current registered players.
- B. Active coaches, assistant coaches and referees with no age restriction *provided such person has completed and signed a US Youth Soccer Employment/Volunteer Disclosure Statement for the current YSC Fiscal Year.*
- C. Guest members (defined as adults age 18 or over interested in furthering the sport of soccer and the betterment of YSC, Inc., which have requested, in writing, membership and have been approved by the Board.

In the matter of dissolution of this Corporation, the only members eligible to vote thereon shall be the Board of Directors.

## **SECTION 5: SUSPENSION OF MEMBER**

Any member may be suspended at such time as shall be deemed necessary for disciplinary reasons by the majority vote of the Executive Committee when, in the option of the Executive Committee;

- A. it is determined by the majority vote of the Committee that a member has not acted in the best interest of youth soccer, or
- B. It is determined by a majority vote of the Committee that a member has willfully violated any of the rules and regulations of the bylaws of YSC, Inc., or
- C. it is determined by a majority vote of the Committee that a member has willfully violated any of the rules and regulations of bylaws of the FCSA (as long as the YSC, Inc. shall be affiliated with the FCSA).

The decisions of the Executive Committee will be determined after consideration of written reports from the parties involved.

## **SECTION 6: APPEALS PROCESS**

Appeals of the decisions of the Executive Committee as well as other committees, when applicable, shall be in accordance with the YSC, Inc. and its appellate procedures.

#### **SECTION 7: NOTIFICATION OF SUSPENSION**

Members shall be notified, in writing, of their suspension by the Executive Committee within ~~five (5)~~ *seven (7)* business days of the ~~committee's decision event relied upon by the committee in determining suspension of said member.~~ The notice shall include reason(s) for suspension of membership and shall be signed and dated by the President of the YSC, Inc.

### **ARTICLE 4: MEETINGS**

#### **SECTION 1: MEETING DATE AND TIME**

There shall be a meeting of members at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month; however, said meeting date and time may be altered if approved by the majority of the members eligible to vote thereon at the previous monthly meeting. Notice shall be ~~mailed~~ *communicated* to all *members as indicated in Article 4, Section 5* ~~Head Coaches and Directors.~~ The annual meeting held in May shall not be subject to change. Meetings of the Executive Board will be held as necessary before the General Membership Meeting. ~~Additional meetings may be held as deemed necessary by two or more members exclusive of the President.~~

#### **SECTION 2: ANNUAL OR ELECTION MEETINGS**

The membership meeting in May shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that shall arise.

#### **SECTION 3: SPECIAL MEETINGS**

The Executive Board may call special membership meetings.

#### **SECTION 4: MAJORITY RULES**

Voting members present at *general membership meetings* shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote shall govern.

#### **SECTION 5: MEETING NOTIFICATION**

*Electronic mail shall be the means by which all YSC, Inc., meeting notifications shall be communicated. All YSC, Inc., members and board members that wish to receive meeting notification must provide an electronic email address to the YSC by either noting such on the USYSA Membership form or by emailing it to the current YSC email address. The Secretary of the YSC shall be responsible for maintaining a membership list containing name, mailing address, phone number, email address and membership type as indicated in Article 3, Section 4 for members of YSC, Inc. Members that wish to receive meeting notification by regular mail must request such in writing to the Secretary of the YSC, Inc. All general*

*membership meetings require a 10-day prior notice. All board of Director and Committee meetings require a 3-day prior notice.*

## **ARTICLE 5: DIRECTORS**

### **SECTION 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The number of Directors that constitute the whole Board of Directors shall not be less than three. The Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members or at a special meeting of members held for that purpose and each Director elected shall hold office for the completion of that fiscal year or until his successor is elected and qualified. All officers shall be elected by a show of hands unless the majority of eligible voters present shall request an election by secret ballot.

### **SECTION 2: BOARD MEMBERS**

The Board of Directors shall consist of the following positions:

- A. President
- B. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Appeals/Fund-raising)
- C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Games Schedules)
- D. 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President (Fields and Development)
- E. 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President (Registrar)
- F. 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President (Area Referee)
- G. Treasurer
- H. Secretary
- I. Competitive Commissioner
- J. Coach Coordinator

### **SECTION 3: DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS**

Any person holding a position on the YSC, Inc. Board of Directors or Executive Board must be a current member in good standings of YSC, Inc. No two or more persons of the same household shall be allowed to hold an office on the Board of Directors for Executive Board during the same term.

### **SECTION 4: DIRECTORS DUTIES**

The business and affairs of YSC, Inc. shall be managed by its Board of Directors who may exercise all such powers of the YSC, Inc. and may do all such lawful acts and things that are not by statute or by Articles of Incorporation of these by-laws directed or required to be done by the members.

### **SECTION 5: DIRECTOR INSTALLATION**

The term of office of the newly elected Board of Directors shall begin at the close of the meeting at which they are elected, with the exception of the Treasurer who shall remain as an assistant to the newly elected treasurer until the Club's annual financial report is approved by the audit committee.

## **SECTION 6: DIRECTOR MEETINGS**

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held without notice to the general membership at such time and such place determined by the Board of Directors.

## **SECTION 7: DIRECTORS QUORUM**

~~At~~ *For the purpose of all meetings of the Board of Directors a quorum shall be required a majority of the* ~~duly elected Directors shall constitute a quorum~~ for the transaction of business. *A quorum shall be the lesser of a majority of the duly appointed directors or (4) of the duly appointed directors.* The act of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of the Board of Directors, the directors present thereby may adjourn the meeting, until a quorum shall be present. At such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified and called.

## **SECTION 8: PRESIDES OVER DIRECTORS MEETINGS**

The President shall preside at all meetings. In the absence of the President and the First Vice President, the Directors present at such meeting of the Board of Directors shall appoint any member present to provide or said meeting by mutual consent.

## **SECTION 9: APPEALS OF COMMITTEE DECISIONS**

The decisions of all committees may be subject to appeal to the Board of Directors of YSC, Inc. An appeal may be awarded with a majority vote of the directors.

## **SECTION 10: DUTIES OF DIRECTORS**

### **President**

1. Is responsible for the overall administrative and executive functions of this Club and shall be the General Manager.
2. Appoints committees as necessary to carry out these functions.
3. Assigns duties to all officers as required.
4. Takes prudent and reasonable action in cases not covered in the by-laws.
5. Casts the deciding vote only in case of tie.
6. Appoints an auditing committee to certify the treasurers' annual report.
7. Attends F.C.S.A. meetings and makes reports to YSC, Inc. Executive Board.
8. Holds the monthly General Membership meeting of this Club providing proper notice of these meetings.
9. Conducts the elections of officers at the General Meeting.
10. Calls Emergency Executive Committee meetings as deemed necessary.
11. Calls additional General meetings as necessary upon written request of at least three (3) voting members of the Executive Board or at least fifty (50) voting members of this club within two

weeks of the request. This request must be in writing and signed by all parties desiring the meeting. The President, on behalf of the parties requesting the meeting, shall give notice of the meeting to the General Membership.

12. Conducts regular meetings of the Executive Board and has authority to call additional Executive Board meetings as deemed necessary.
13. Signs checks for the Club.
14. Approves fields for play by 7:00 AM Saturday or immediately before games and cancels games on any field that is not playable.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

1. Assumes all powers and responsibilities of the President in his or her absence.
2. ~~Appoints games committee to process and resolve all complaints or determines whether these complaints should come before the Executive Board for discussion or resolution.~~ *Reviews all game appeals and/or complaints against members of the YSC, Inc., and determines whether such complaint or appeal should come before the Appeals Committee.*
3. Acts as Parliamentarian at all meetings.
4. Attends all Emergency Executive Committee meetings.
5. Acts as Chairperson of the Board of Directors.
6. In charge of fund-raising.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

1. Schedules all games at the beginning of the season for teams playing inside YSC, Inc.
2. Authorizes the postponement and rescheduling of any games in YSC, Inc. 72 hours prior to the start of said game, if the referee coordinator cannot be reached.
3. Chairs the committee for an coordinates and monitors all special and post season games.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President**

1. Shall purchase all equipment for use in the Club under the requirements set forth by the YSC, Inc. bylaws.
2. Works closely with the Coordinators in charge of each age division in all purchases of equipment.
3. Must have approval from a majority of the duly elected Executive Board or 2/3 General Membership present of this Club for any purchases.
4. Be responsible for inventory of all balls, nets, and equipment, etc. in YSC, Inc.
5. Maintains existing fields.
  - a. Measures for accurate size.
  - b. Sees that the grass is mowed.
  - c. Maintains adequate supply of field paint.
  - d. Assigns teams to mark fields.
6. Develops and oversees new playing fields.
  - a. Locate new areas.

- b. Oversees the construction of goal posts.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Vice President**

1. Coordinates all preseason registration.
2. Assists in maintaining all necessary records in regards to Club teams and members.
3. Ensures the integrity of the formation of teams each season.
4. Attends FCSA meetings specifically called for club registrars.
5. Coordinates and submits all information needed on players, team and coaches to FCSA, OSA and YSYSA.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Vice President**

1. Recruits new referees.
2. Arranges clinics to train referees.
3. Shall direct and assist Referee Coordinator in the assigning of referees for all games played In side the club.
4. Coordinates with YSC, Inc., FCSA and OSA all referee obligations with FCS and OSA.

#### **Treasurer**

1. Collects and disperses all monies of this Club.
2. Keeps detailed account of income and expenditures.
3. Is signer of checks of this Club.
4. Pays all bills approved by a majority of the duly elected Executive Board.
5. Submits a verbal report of finances at the General Meetings and a written report upon request of the Executive Board.
6. Is responsible to prepare and file any State or Federal Tax Returns, including but not limited to Form 990, and shall have the assistance of a Certified Public Accountant, if approved by the Executive Board.

#### **Secretary**

1. Records the minutes of all Executive Board and General Meetings.
2. Attends to all correspondence and collects all mail from the Club post office box if one is provided.
3. Shall have general custody of all records of this Club.
4. Keeps a current list of all Club Teams.
5. Assumes all powers and responsibilities of the First Vice-President in his or her absence.
6. Shall record and incorporate any amendments to the Constitution and by-laws on a continual basis.

#### **Competitive Commissioner**

1. Promotes advanced level competitive play for players within the Club.

2. Directs the formation and advertisements of try-outs for competitive teams, subject to F.S.C.A. guidelines.
3. Ensures that Competitive Head Coaches, Competitive Assistant Coaches, and Competitive Team trainers are properly trained and certified by F.S.C.A. or Oklahoma Soccer Association.

#### **Coach Coordinator**

1. Recruits new coaches.
2. Arranges clinics to train and certify coaches.
3. Promotes the continued growth of coaching skills.

#### **SECTION 11: DIRECTORS VACANCIES**

In the event a vacancy occurs in any position of the YSC, Inc. Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall elect a successor to the office by a majority vote or may elect to not fill the vacated office with the duties of that office delegated as necessary.

#### **SECTION 12: REMOVAL OR RESIGNATION OF DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS**

At any general membership meeting, any Director of the YSC, Inc. shall be removed by a 2/3 vote of all eligible votes of the YSC, Inc. present at the meeting, provided a quorum is present. Any Director of the YSC, Inc. may resign at any time by giving written notice of such resignation to the President or Secretary. If the offices of the President or Secretary are vacated by resignation, the resignation may be submitted to any other Director. The acceptance of any resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. At the time of resignation, all materials and/or records belonging to YSC, Inc. shall accompany the written resignation, unless other arrangements between the Director resigning and the Director receiving the resignation are made at that time.

#### **SECTION 13: THE APPEALS COMMITTEE**

The Appeals Committee shall consist of the Board of Directors. The Appeals Committee shall have the power to call witnesses and to review records. The Appeals Committee shall hear all protests of the YSC, Inc. governed games according to the rules if the following requirements are met:

1. Federation Internationale de Football Association, Oklahoma Soccer Association, Frontier Country Soccer Association or YSC, Inc. rules were violated.
2. Referee judgment shall be no basis for protest.
3. Procedure for filing a protest is as follows:
  - a. The protesting coach must note his intention to protest the game form BEFORE signing the game form.
  - b. The coach must deliver his written protest to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and \$50.00 cash to YSC, Inc. within 48 hours of the completion of the protested game.
4. If the protest meets the requirements as outlined above, a hearing will be scheduled.
5. A hearing will be within one week following the receipt of the protest.

6. The committee may uphold the result, alter the game result by declaring a forfeit, or cause the game to be replayed. These are the only options.
7. A verbal decision will be given at the hearing, followed by written confirmation within seven (7) days of the hearing. If the committee rules in favor of the protesting coach, his \$50.00 will be refunded. If the committee rules against the protesting coach, his \$50.00 will be forfeited.
8. All decisions of the Appeals Committee may then be appealed to Frontier Country Soccer Association Appeals and Disciplinary Committee (refer to the Frontier Country Soccer Association by-laws). The Appeals Committee shall also hear and investigate any and all players or coach ejections from games involving YSC< Inc., governed competition, and shall decide up on the punishment, if any, applied to said player or coach. Such disciplinary action so applied may be in addition to such action taken by Frontier Country Soccer Association, or Oklahoma Soccer Association, if any. It shall be the responsibility of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President to ensure that all decisions of the YSC, Inc. Executive Board and the General Membership are in compliance with both Frontier Country Soccer Association, Oklahoma Soccer Association and YSC, Inc. Guidelines and by-laws.
9. In any such event, the game results and penalties, if any, are upheld until such time as a ruling or decision of the committee can be made.

## **ARTICLE 6: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President, 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Competitive Commissioner and Coach Coordinator shall constitute the Executive Committee.

### **SECTION 2: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DUTIES**

The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Soccer Club. They shall make recommendations to the membership and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these by-laws.

### **SECTION 3: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AUTHORITY**

The Executive Committee may appoint an Attorney, a Physician, and Accountant, or an Auditor, or such other person to advise the YSC< Inc.

### **SECTION 4: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CLOSED MEETINGS**

Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at such time as shall be determined by the President. When approved by the 2/3 vote of the Executive Board members present, any single Executive Board meeting or portion of that meeting may be closed to the public including members of the Club. Attendance at these closed meetings shall be restricted to the Executive Board members and those requested to attend by the Executive Board members.

## **SECTION 5: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE QUORUM**

A quorum must be present to transact any business. Majority vote of the members present shall govern. A quorum shall be a majority of the duly appointed Executive Committee members *or (4) of the duly appointed Executive Committee members.*

## **SECTION 6: PLAYER REGISTRATION FEES**

The Executive Committee shall set fees for registrations. No refunds of registration fees will be allowed after players are registered with Frontier Country Soccer Association, except for financial hardship, medical reasons, or a move outside of the Oklahoma City Metro area. Such refunds will be in the amount of ½ (one-half) of the registration fee and must be approved by the Executive Board. No refund shall be granted if the player requesting the refund has participated in a game. No refunds shall be granted after the first game played unless approved prior to the first game.

## **ARTICLE 7: LEAGUE ORGANIZATION & RULES FOR RECREATIONAL LEAGUE**

### **SECTION 1: CLUB AFFILIATIONS**

All league play including tournaments, play-offs and championship games sanctioned by YSC, Inc. or F.C.S.A. shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the F.C.S.A. as amended by supplemental rules and regulations imposed by the Board of Directors of YSC, Inc., if any. Any such supplemental rules and regulations so imposed by the Board of Directors of YSC, Inc. may not be contradictory to, or conflict with, the rules and regulations of F.C.S.A. and shall be available for examination through the Secretary of YSC, Inc.

### **SECTION 2: TEAM CLASSIFICATIONS**

All Teams will be divided into three categories:

- A. Girls only teams.
- B. Boys only teams.
- C. Mixed teams.

### **SECTION 3: TEAM AGE GROUPS**

The age determined for all teams shall be the players' actual age before August 1 of any fiscal year. The age groups shall be as follows:

- A. Under 6 years of age
- B. Under 8 years of age
- C. Under 10 years of age
- D. Under 12 years of age
- E. Under 14 years of age
- F. Under 16 years of age
- G. Under 19 years of age

H. adult

#### **SECTION 4: TEAM AGE GROUP EXCEPTIONS**

A player may not play in a younger division than his or her age allows.

#### **SECTION 5: FORMATION OF RECREATIONAL TEAMS**

##### **A. Team Composition**

Recreational teams shall start each season approximately equal in terms of player abilities, numbers, and age.

##### **B. Memberships**

At the closing of each season's sign ups, it shall be determined whether each enrolled player is an ASSIGNED PLAYER or a FREE AGENT. The following criteria shall be used for that determination.

##### **1. Assigned Players**

- a. The child or children of the Head Coach of each team; and the child or children of at MOST ONE Assistant Coach, who is designated by the Head Coach.
- b. Players that were on the roster of and played for a particular coach the preceding season may request (by notation on registration form) and be assigned to the team of the that same Coach unless the player requests classification as a FREE AGENT. Players making that request shall not be reassigned to their previous teams.

PROVISION: If a Head Coach of a team from a preceding season does not continue as a Head Coach for the next season, he may be replaced by his Assitant Coach of the preceding season or a Parent/Guardian of an ASSIGNED PLAYER and condition (1) would then apply to the team as if the Coach were the same as before.

##### **2. Free Agents**

- a. All enrolled players that do not meet the conditions for ASSIGNED PLAYERS.
- b. Free agents shall be divided into an experienced and inexperienced category with school attendance and the age pure concept being considered a strong influence in the division. Players shall then be drawn at random to teams and assigned to rosters so that the total number of experienced and inexperienced free agents are as equal as possible, keeping the total number of players per team as equal as possible.
- c. Should openings occur on a team after the players have been assigned and team rosters made, additional players may be added to fill dropouts at the discretion of the Registrar and taken in order form a waiting list of players submitted after the close of sign-ups.

- d. Any exception to the provisions of these Regulations for the Assignment of Players to Teams shall be made only from a request in writing to the Executive Board of Directors of the Yukon Soccer Club and granted upon the approval of at least 2/3 of the Executive Board.

C. Player Acceptance

A coach may not selectively refuse to accept any player assigned to his team based solely on his ability.

D. Players

Any intentional or falsification of a registration form may disqualify the player whose form was falsified from playing the remainder of that season. If the consequences of the falsification is major, the player will be disqualified for the following season as well, according to the determination of the Executive Board.

E. Player Recruiting

Efforts of coaches, parents, or others to recruit or place players on a specific team, or to remove or exclude a player from a team on the basis of ability is strictly prohibited. It is the direct responsibility of the Executive Committee to ensure the integrity of the team formation process. The Executive Committee shall decide appropriate sanctions for violations.

F. Numbers of Players on Teams

In the formation of teams, YSC will attempt to limit all under 6 micro teams to 6 players, under 8 to a maximum of 8 players, under 10 to a maximum of 12 players and all other teams to a maximum of 16 players in order to maximize player participation. Teams with numbers of players in excess of these numbers may be approved by the Executive Board, but it shall be discouraged unless special circumstances show that additional players would be the best interest of those directly involved.

G. Rights of a Player to Play

A registered player shall be entitled to play at least one half of every game scheduled for his team, except for discipline reasons.

1. Enforcement of player's right to play

The coach of each team shall be responsible to scrupulously observe the intent of this policy.

2. Exception for player's injuries

A player who has left a game due to a minor injury should be allowed to return to the game as soon as possible to play out his allotted time.

3. Exception for late arrival to a match

Consideration will be given to coaches for players who arrive to the match late, after play has started.

4. Exception for player unwilling to play

Consideration will be given to coaches for players who do not want to play at the specific time.

H. Team Formation

1. Team Formation Guidelines shall be submitted by July 1 of each year to the Frontier Country Soccer Association for approval prior to registration of teams.
2. Guidelines for forming teams will be from one or more of the following methods:
  - a. School Attendance
  - b. Geography
  - c. Neighborhood Concept
  - d. Player Draft
  - e. Random Draw

I. Player Transfer

In the event a player wishes to transfer from a team for which he was registered during the immediately preceding season, approval to transfer may be granted by the Executive Board upon furnishing a request to transfer stating all pertinent circumstances surrounding the requested transfer.

J. Coaches

Coaches will adhere to the Frontier Country bylaws as follows:

1. Registration

17019. All coaches shall be registered with the FCSA and their local club and shall be required to meet the registration requirements as specified by the FCSA and their local club. In inter-club games USYSA passes are required for all coaches in the coach box.

17020. The registration of any coach may be suspended or revoked by the Playing Committee of the FCSA or the local club for conduct deemed not in the best interest of soccer or the local club, subject to appeal the FCSA Executive Board of Directors, OSA and USYSA. Suspension of a coach must be reported in writing to the FCSA Board of Directors within 10 days of decision, which will in turn file a report to OSA.

2. Responsibility and Duties

- a. Coaches are responsible for the proper training and conditioning of players on their teams.

- b. Coaches are responsible for maintaining order and respect for the authority of the referees and linesmen during the game.
  - c. Coaches are required to discourage discourtesy by the spectators toward officials and players.
  - d. Coaches must remain in the coaching area (five yards either side of the halfway line and five yards from the touch line thereby forming a rectangular area ten yards long by five yards deep backing onto the spectator restraining line). Neither coaches nor spectators are permitted along the goal line or behind the goal area. Spectators must remain ten yards from the touch line, behind the spectator restraining line.
  - e. No coach shall endeavor to run up a high score against any team.
  - f. Coaches will allow only players who are properly registered with the local club and FCSA to participate in practices and games.
  - g. Coaches will play each player on their team at least one-half of every game except in cases of health or disciplinary reasons. The referee and opposing coach must be notified prior to the commencement of a match when a player is not playing a full half game for one of the above reasons
3. Caution, Ejection and Suspension
- a. Coaches shall be subject to caution and/or ejection by the referee for misconduct.
  - b. Any coach who is ejected shall leave the playing area so that he may not possibly take part in any further actions during the remainder of the game. Furthermore, the games shall not recommence until the coach has exited the area.

17021. Refusal of an ejected coach to leave the area of the playing field within the time frame specified by the referee shall result in immediate termination of the game. The game will be declared forfeiture and shall not be replayed.

17022. A coach who is ejected shall be disqualified from further participation at the game from which he is ejected and may not attend at least the next game of the team for which he serves as coach. If he does appear the following game, that game shall be forfeited. Additional punishment for being ejected may be required by the Appeals Subcommittee of the FCSA Playing Committee and/or the local club.

17023. An ejected coach has the right to submit, within 72 hours of the incident involved, a written statement of his position to the Appeals Subcommittee for its consideration and review prior to any additional punishment. Decisions of the Appeals Committee are subject to appeal to the Executive Board of Directors of the FCSA, if put in writing and submitted to the Executive Board within 72 hours of notification of said decision of the Appeals Committee. All such appeals must be accompanied by a \$100.00 cashier's check or certified check made payable to the FCSA. This fee is refundable only if the appeal is upheld and the original decision is overruled.

- f. A coach, player, or spectator who intentionally strikes a referee shall be prohibited from participation in FCSA competition for at least one calendar year. Any action

taken by the FCSA under authority of this rull will not limit the prosecution of the offender by the referee and or the FCSA or local club under the criminal laws of the State of Oklahoma. FCSA shall report the incident to OSA, which will have jurisdiction on this matter.

#### **SECTION 6: YUKON SPORTSMANSHIP AGREEMENT**

- A. Home coach shall contact visiting coach on or before the Tuesday of game week to verify team colors, game time, and all other aspects of game. Multiple offenses to be reviewed by and punishment dictated by Board of Directors.
- B. Postponements at the request of one coach shall be played within two weeks of originally scheduled game or before last scheduled game of current season, (whichever comes first), or postponing coach shall forfeit the game.
- C. In games where the score is kept, no team will score more than seven goals more than the opposing team.
  - 1. First offense – written reprimand from 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.
  - 2. Subsequent offenses shall be reviewed by the Executive Board which shall impose penalties with the maximum penalty being the team forfeiting any and all claims to all trophies and awards with the exception of the participation award, if applicable.
  - 3. Complaints regarding sportsmanship violations must be filed with the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President within three days of items A and C and within twenty-five days of originally scheduled game on item B.
  - 4. Subsequent offenses shall be reviewed by the Executive Board which shall impose penalties with the maximum penalty being the team forfeits any and all claims to all trophies and awards, except the participation award if applicable.
  - 5. A complaint regarding Sportsmanship violations must be filed with the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President within three days on items one and three, and within twenty-five days of originally scheduled game on item two.

#### **SECTION 7: LEAGUE STANDINGS**

League standings shall be based on the Frontier Country recommendations as follows:

17074. Team standings for league competition shall be determined according to the number of points earned by the team. Points shall be determined by game results according to the following:

Win - 6 points

Tie – 3 points

Goal – 1 point (maximum of 3)

Loss – 0 points

17075. League standings at the end of the season will be determined on the basis of all regularly scheduled games regardless of the number of games played and the number of teams in the league.

17076. A tie for the first place at the completion of all games of league competition scheduled prior to the start of the season competition may be broken by elimination round among the tied teams.

17077. Elimination round games shall not be permitted to end in a tie.

17078. If any game is tied when terminated by the referee before the beginning of the second half, it shall be replayed from the beginning unless termination resulted from ejection of a coach or player.

## **ARTICLE 8: AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS**

These by-laws can be amended at any general membership meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the present voting membership, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous general membership meeting.

## **ARTICLE 9: FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of YSC, Inc. shall be from June 1 of any year to May 31 of the succeeding year. The playing year shall be from September 1 of any year to August 31 of the succeeding year and shall be called the Fall Season and the Spring Season, with a break for winter months and a break for summer months.

## **ARTICLE 10: DISSOLUTION**

The Board of Directors may dissolve the YSC, Inc. by a two-thirds vote at any meeting of the Board of Directors or a special meeting called for that purpose. Upon dissolution, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of YSC, Inc. dispose of all the assets of the YSC, Inc. by donating said assets to the Frontier Country Soccer Association or any such organization which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine.

## **ARTICLE 11: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

*The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised) shall govern the YSC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the YSC may adopt.*