

Butte Youth Soccer League
Constitution

Article 1 - Name

This league shall be known as the Butte Youth Soccer League, a non-profit public benefit corporation incorporated in the State of California. Throughout this Constitution and other league documents, the Butte Youth Soccer league may also be referred to as the "league" or "BYSL".

Article 2 - Boundaries & Territories

The area of the Butte Youth Soccer League shall be the same political boundaries as Butte and Glenn Counties, State of California.

Article 3 - Purpose

The purpose of this league shall be to develop, promote, and administer the game of soccer, primarily among youth boys and girls under nineteen years of age. The league will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, gender, and/or sexual orientation and will strive, whenever and however possible, to provide equal opportunities to play regardless of ability, including any physical or mental disability.

The league is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of or distributions to organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code, or any corresponding section of any future tax code.

No part of the net earnings of the league shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, or officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes as set forth in Article 3 herein.

No substantial part of the activities of the league shall be the carrying of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign, including the publishing or distribution of statements on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:

- (a) By an organization exempt from federal tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code; or
- (b) By an organization, contributions of which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article 4 - Affiliation

The Butte Youth Soccer League shall be an affiliated with and comply with the authority of the California Youth Soccer Association ("CYSA") and any national organization with which CYSA is or may be affiliated.

Article 5 - Authorities

This league shall be governed its Article of Incorporation, this Constitution, and any bylaws, specific rules, and/or policy interpretation memoranda that may be enacted in furtherance of the league's purpose as stated in Article 3, except when such bylaws are superseded by CYSA or any national organization with which CYSA may affiliate.

The governing authority of this league shall be vested in the Board of Directors, whose number and powers shall be designated in the bylaws.

Article 6 – Membership

Membership in the league shall be by registered teams, who shall be represented on the Board of Directors by affiliated clubs.

All member teams and affiliated clubs, their players, coaches, and parents shall abide by this Constitution, bylaws, and any specific rules and/or policy interpretation memoranda that may be adopted from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Article 7 – Annual Meeting

The league shall hold an Annual General Meeting of the membership no later than April 1 or the beginning of the CYSA registrational year, said meeting to be called by the President, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors.

Other meetings of the general membership may be called at any time by the President, a majority of the Board of Directors, or by at least 10% of the membership of the league.

Notice of any meeting of the general membership shall be given to the membership by any reasonable means, but shall at least include the date, time, location, and proposed agenda of the meeting.

Article 8 – Amendment

Amendments to this Constitution shall only be made at meetings of the general membership. Any proposed amendments to this Constitution must be submitted to the League Secretary at last sixty (60) days prior to the membership meeting at which such amendments will be considered.

The Secretary of the league shall forward any proposed amendments to the teams by and through the affiliated club that represents said teams at least thirty (30) days prior to the membership meeting at which such amendments will be considered.

Amendments shall be deemed adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those members in attendance who are eligible to vote. Any amendments to this Constitution shall become effective immediately unless otherwise indicated.

Article 9 – Ratification

This Constitution was duly amended by the general membership on March 17th, 2009 at Chico, California


Brittany Wall, Secretary