

**RISING STARS JUNIOR SOCCER LEAGUE
GOVERNING RULES & PROCEDURES 2010-2011**

ARTICLE I : PURPOSES, DEFINITIONS, HIERARCHY

1. Purposes Of The League

The Rising Stars Junior Soccer League (RSJSL) is dedicated to the promotion and development of good sportsmanship and fair play through the game of soccer, and as such, the purpose for which this League has been organized are as follows:

To foster youth sports competition by promoting, developing and governing youth soccer activities, including adult coaching, in the greater Central NY area by coordinating and administering these activities with member clubs affiliated with Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association, New York West Youth Soccer Association, American Youth Soccer Association, through the United States Youth Soccer Association.

2. Definitions

The following terms as used in these Bylaws shall have the respective meanings set forth below:

“RSJSL” or “the League” – The Rising Stars Junior Soccer League

*“NYSWYSA– The New York State West Youth Soccer Association, Inc
(A National State Association of USYSA)*

*“ENYYSA” The Eastern New York Soccer Association, Inc
(A National State Association of USYSA)*

“USYSA” – The United States Youth Soccer Association

“USSF” or “Federation” – The United States Soccer Federation

“FIFA” – The Federation de Internationale Football Association

"AGM" - The annual membership meeting of the Corporation

"BOD or "Board"- The Board of Directors of Rising Stars Soccer

"CLUB"- Any of the entities listed on Exhibit A to these governing rules, and any entity accepted for membership in the League in the future and thereby authorized to register teams with the League.

“AYSO”- American Youth Soccer Association

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

1. Qualifications for Membership.

- A.** The organization shall have a single class of members. Membership in the League is open to any youth soccer organization and affiliated with NYSWYSA, ENYYSA and AYSO. The roster of existing members in good standing is maintained by the Registrar, and is hereto appended as Exhibit A.
- B.** Each new club membership shall be proposed to the BOD in writing, or by email, and presented by an officer of the proposed new member club at a regular RSJSL meeting. Election to membership shall be made by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the BOD. Prior to being accepted into membership, each new club must supply a list of its officers and bylaws (if applicable) to the League. Each member club shall also specify a League Delegate. The responsibilities of the League Delegate are as follows:
 - a. Regularly attend all RSJSL meetings and other functions of the League.
 - b. Promote the League to club recreational team coaches
 - c. Communicate BOD/League business to their club coaches, assistants, etc
 - d. Coordinate the payment of team registration fees, fines and other moneys
 - e. Assure compliance with all League rules and regulations within their club.
- C.** Each club must renew its membership annually by completion of the League Affiliation Form. Renewal shall be contingent upon participation in League competition during the prior seasonal year. Clubs, which fail to participate in League competition of the prior year, must apply as a new member.
- D.** **Individual** participation in the RSJSL shall be open to any soccer players, coaches, trainers, and administrators not subject to suspension under Section 4 of Bylaw 241 of the USSF Bylaws. Participants must be associated with a member club.

2. Discontinuance of Membership.

- A.** The membership of any member club shall cease upon withdrawal by the club by means of written notice of resignation furnished to the BOD.
- B.** The BOD shall have power to suspend or expel member clubs, teams, coaches or players. Any resolution suspending or expelling a member club shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting membership of the BOD. Prior to the adoption of such resolution, the affected member shall be furnished a notice in writing of the proposed consideration of such action by the BOD. That notice shall be mailed to the member club's League Delegate at its registered address not fewer than ten (10) days prior to the meeting of the BOD at which the action that is the subject of the notice is proposed to be taken. At the meeting of the Board, the affected member club shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard by the board concerning the proposed action prior to the vote thereon.

- C. A suspended member club shall be in bad standing during the period of the suspension. As such, it shall be ineligible to vote at any membership meeting and shall be disqualified from participation in any RSJSL sanctioned match, or event.
- D. A member club or individuals, expelled or suspended from membership in the League by determination of the BOD may appeal such action in conformity with the rules of the USSF.
- E. The League will provide equitable and prompt hearing and appeal procedures.
- G. If any member account shows a balance due the League that is overdue by ninety (90) or more days, that club shall be deemed to have resigned from membership of the League. At the following BOD meeting the account(s) will be reviewed and if the account is in fact overdue a notice of "Automatic Deemed Resignation" shall be communicated to the member. Any member which is deemed to have resigned its membership in this manner may reinstate its membership by payment in full of all amounts due, prior to the next regular BOD meeting.

3. Fees.

At the December executive meeting, the BOD shall adopt, as part of the budget, the team registration fee schedule for the following fiscal year.

5. Rules and Regulations.

All members of this organization shall comply with the League Rules and Regulations, and the laws of soccer as provided by the USYSA. The League Rules and Regulations and other operating policies and procedures of the League may be changed at the discretion of the BOD by a majority vote of the BOD, provided a quorum is present.

ARTICLE III - OFFICE

The principal office of the League shall be the Rising Stars Sports Complex located in Westmoreland NY. This location will be used to conduct the business of the League.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Management of the League

- A. The League shall be managed by its BOD. The BOD shall consist of a single category of a voting directors. These directors are the President, Vice President, General Manager, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Director of Coaching, Director of Public Relations, Director of Facilities, Director of Legal, and Director of Volunteers . The BOD holds the authority and responsibility to operate the League as the elected representatives of the membership in accordance with the established policies, rules and regulations.

B. Places and Times of RSJSL Meetings.

The RSSC shall hold its meetings at the Rising Stars Sports Complex in Westmoreland NY. Meeting times and locations will be communicated via email and posted on the League's internet web site (www.risingstarssc.com) no less than 10 days prior to each meeting.

H. Committees

1. The BOD may at times establish committees for the purpose of administering League business. The BOD will elect, or the President will appoint (with BOD approval) the Committee from member clubs as recommended by the League Delegate. When the BOD creates any committee; the purpose, direction and duration of that committee shall also be established and recorded.

Consideration may be given to establish Standing Committees as needed as follows:

2. Executive Committee: It may act on behalf of the League in any matter not prohibited by statute or these governing rules when the BOD is not in session. All actions must then be reported to the BOD for ratification of the committee actions at either regular meetings of the BOD or special meetings called for the purpose, of reviewing such actions.
3. Budget Committee. The Budget Committee shall be responsible to prepare each annual budget for the League and BOD review. This committee shall also be responsible to report to the BOD concerning the financial operations of the League measured against budget, to coordinate the activities of the League with its accountants in preparation for audits directed by the BOD.
4. Appeals Committee. This committee shall be responsible to conduct appellate review of any corporate disciplinary action from which review is sought, and shall exercise that jurisdiction in conformity with the rules governing appeals promulgated by the USSF and the United States Youth Soccer Association as from time to time amended.

Article VI – MEETINGS

1. Chairperson

At all meetings of the BOD, the President, or in his/her absence the Vice President, or in his/her absence the Secretary shall preside.

2. Regular League Meetings

- A. League business will be transacted at regular league meetings, which shall be held at least quarterly. Regular league meetings are open to member clubs, in good standing, and shall be at a site or location as may be directed by the BOD. Locations and times shall be provided to member clubs via email and posted on the League's internet site no less than 10 days prior to the Meeting.
- B. At the January meeting, the BOD shall adopt a tentative budget for the following fiscal year as it relates to team registration fees for the RSJSL.

3. Executive BOD Meetings

The BOD may meet to discuss league business without the presence of member clubs to conduct such business as may be necessary at times and locations as determined by the BOD.

4. Membership Meetings.

- A. The AGM (full league membership meeting) shall be held in the month of January each year. The League shall provide on the League's internet web site), a notice stating the time and place of the AGM , at least thirty (30) days prior to said meeting. This notice, if mailed, will be sent to the address, as it appears on the membership roll book, of every member in good standing.

5. Order of Business

The order of business at all meetings of members shall be as follows:

- A. Roll call
- B. Approval of the minutes of the preceding meeting
- C. Reports of committees
- D. Reports of officers
- E. Old and unfinished business
- F. New business

Except as otherwise specified in the RSSC Bylaws, all meetings and proceedings of the membership, the BOD, and its committees shall be procedurally governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

7. Notice of Adjournment.

With a majority of the directors present, whether or not a quorum is present, the Board may adjourn any meeting to another time and place. Notice of the adjournment shall be given to all directors who were absent at the time of the adjournment. Time and location of the meeting's resumption (if applicable) shall be communicated to all BOD members.