



ALVIN YOUTH SOCCER CLUB BYLAWS

BYLAW I - AGE GROUP DIVISIONS

Age divisions comprise players who are:

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

Three levels of competition will be provided by AYSC as follows:

- Divisions E, F and G Division IV (White) -Introductory level Divisions D through A: Player option of Division II (Select – Super Blue or Blue) or Division III (Red)
- Division II (Select) - For those players who have a desire and by reason of experience display an exceptional degree of skill, speed, discipline, stamina, coordination, agility and attitude may play at a high level of competition.
- Red - For those players who do not desire or do not exceed average levels of skill, speed, discipline, stamina, coordination, agility and attitude.

BYLAW II - TEAM FORMULATION

Team formulation will follow BAYSA procedures. For ages/groups specified in BAYSA laws, the BAYSA laws/procedures will be followed. For ages/groups not specified in BAYSA laws, the following will apply. The following can be in-addition to but not in lieu of Team formulation for white level will be by "returning teams", "team fragments", and randomly drawing player's names for white level pools for each division by age group. Team formulation for Division II (Select) level will be by coaches selecting players for their teams from the blue level pools for each division. Each Division II team is required to have at least one open tryout and to advertise this open tryout for anyone to attend. The number of blue level teams shall be determined by the Board of Directors based upon the quantity of players requesting Division II (Select) level, availability of coaches, and a desire to maintain the competitive level. Division II (Select) level teams shall be completed prior to red level team formulation, since the non-selected players remaining in the blue level pool will be returned to their previous Division III (red) level team, team fragment, or placed in the Division III (red) level pool. Team formulation for red level will be by returning teams, team fragments, and randomly drawing player's names from Division III (red) level pools for each division by age group. All players shall be given an opportunity at the beginning of each new season to elect to either tryout for the Division II team(s) or sign up directly for Division III level of competition.

Players will not be 'brought up" or "moved down" between Division III and Division II levels once teams are formed, unless requested by player and approved by the accepting coach involved and AYSC Executive Board. After the first regular game of the season has been played, players will not be added to teams without approval of that team's coach and AYSC President.

BYLAW III - GUIDELINES

White level is an introductory level involving young players, and practices should be limited to a maximum of 3 1/2 hours each week. Division III (Red) level practices should be limited to 4 hours a week. An additional Saturday practice or scrimmage game is permissible during preseason. AYSC will comply with BAYSA minimum playing time rules and will require minimum one-half game time participation during each game attended for all players at all levels of play. Note: Either BAYSA or AYSC Board disciplinary actions may affect playing time.

BYLAW IV - NUMBER OF PLAYERS DURING NORMAL REGISTRATION

Each team shall be composed of a minimum of the number of players on the field for that age and the maximum as established by BAYSA. No team in the red or white level may be closed short of the maximum as long as registered players are available. However, the maximum number of players on a returning team may be set at 15, at that team's discretion, when there are 12 or more returning players to that team. That coaches' decision shall be made before teams are formulated by "the draw" after regular registration.

BYLAW V - LATE REGISTERING PLAYERS

After teams are formed, late registering players will be added to Division III (red) and Division IV (white) level teams to balance the teams and/or bring teams to recommended numbers as specified by BAYSA. The AYSC registrar will randomly draw these late registrants to the teams having the least players.

BYLAW VI - RETURNING PLAYERS

1. Team formulation will follow BAYSA procedures. For ages/groups specified in BAYSA laws, the BAYSA laws/procedures will be followed. For ages/groups not specified in BAYSA laws, the following will apply. The following can be in-addition to but not in lieu of Registered returning players in the Division III (red) and Division IV (white) of play shall be placed with the same team or team fragment of the previous regular season. No player shall be returned to a team or coach of a previous year against his or her wishes. Players not returning to a team or coach will be considered new players and shall be placed in the open pool of players for random draw. Coaches' children are considered returning players and are placed on the coaches' team unless they request otherwise and provided division definitions are not in conflict. Younger brothers or sisters "moving or playing up" are considered returning players to their older brother's or sister's team unless they request otherwise. Once the main registration dates are completed, all later sign-ups are considered new players and have no privileges as to team assignment.

2. **FORMER PLAYERS:** In the event that a player drops out of soccer, that player may request to return to his former team during the first season he returns to playing soccer. His request will be honored provided openings exist on his former team. If no openings exist or if there are more former players than openings, a priority number will be drawn for each player registered during regular registration. Former players seeking to register after regular registration is closed will have the next available priority number assigned on an earliest registration date basis. Prior to playing season, former players may be placed on their former team up to one week prior to the first regular BAYSA season game as openings matching their priority numbers occurs. Otherwise they will go into new player pool for drawing onto another team. During the playing season, former players and registered players who temporarily drop out during that season will be given opportunity to return to their former teams based on team openings, otherwise they will be assigned to another team qualified by the AYSC Registrar to have the largest number of player openings.

3. **UNUSUAL RETURNING PLAYER-CONSIDERATIONS:** In the event that a coach is removed from coaching a team or resigns under pressure, the AYSC Registrar will contact any player who returned to the new player draw rather than play under that coach. These players will be given the option of staying on their new team or returning to their former team based on the number of openings on their former team. If the number of players desiring to return exceeds the number of openings, a priority number drawing will be conducted, such that, players with the highest number are returned as openings occur prior to one week before the first regular BAYSA season game.

BYLAW VII - TEAM FRAGMENTS

Team formulation will follow BAYSA procedures. For ages/groups specified in BAYSA laws, the BAYSA laws/procedures will be followed. For ages/groups not specified in BAYSA laws, the following will apply. The following can be in-addition to but not in lieu of A team fragment is a group of players who played together the previous regular season but do not have a returning coach. Two or more returning team fragments may not be combined into a single Division III (red) and Division IV (white) level team unless by its formulation it constitutes a single team of a minimum to maximum players as specified by BAYSA. A coach receiving a team fragment for the previous year must take all the players composing the team fragment.

BYLAW VIII - TEAM CONTINUITY

Team formulation will follow BAYSA procedures. For ages/groups specified in BAYSA laws, the BAYSA laws/procedures will be followed. For ages/groups not specified in BAYSA laws, the following will apply. The following can be in-addition to but not in lieu of Team continuity will be attempted at the white, red, and blue level of play by forming teams according to age grouping (younger, older) within a division. No player may "play up" without the specific approval of the AYSC Board of Directors.

BYLAW IX - TEAM DRAWING ORDER (RED AND WHITE LEVEL OF PLAY)

Each team (coach) relinquishes draws according to the number of returning players. Team order shall be determined by assigning drawing positions based on the number of returning players, with the least number first. In the event that two or more teams have the same number of returning players, the order shall be made by random draw. The Registrar and committee shall be in charge of the drawing process for all divisions. New players shall be grouped by age (younger, older) within their division to facilitate team formulation by age grouping. The formation of "neighborhood" teams (such as Marvel) which has some limiting boundary may be considered and approved by the AYSC Board of Directors. Special player placement problems not covered by these bylaws will be handled on an individual basis by the President, Registrar, and concerned coaches with approval required by AYSC Board of Directors.

BYLAW X – DIVISION II LEVEL OF PLAY

Coaches for the blue level teams shall be selected by the AYSC Board of Directors. Criteria to be considered in the selection process shall include:

1. Desire to coach at the blue level
2. Success of a coach (not necessarily won-loss record)
3. Experience as a coach
4. Knowledge of soccer
5. Ability to teach and motivate players
6. Exemplary conduct at both practice and games.
7. Soccer certifications/licenses held.

The AYSC Board of Directors will select Division II coaches first for the minimum number of Division II teams as determined by the BAYSA Board. These coaches shall be known as "required Division II (blue) coaches". The board may also select additional blue coaches which shall be called "non required blue coaches". In agreement with team continuity (BY LAW VII), Division II level players will be separated when possible by age group when more than one blue level team is to be formed within a division. In those situations where enough players exist to form multiple blue teams in each age group, the AYSC Board of Directors shall rank the required blue coaches in each age group and rank the non-required blue coaches in each group. The criteria shall be similar to that proposed for the selection of blue coaches. Also in agreement with team continuity, blue returning team fragments should be kept together whenever possible. However, a player always has the option of not returning to his previous year's team.

Returning players Required Teams - A required coach may retain all of the returning players to the team (blue, red, or white) if he desires. He may release into the player pool as many players as he desires.

Non-Required Teams - The non-required coach may not protect any players if he is a coach of a returning red or white team. All of his players are required to be released into the blue player pool. However, if a non-required blue coach is the coach of a returning blue team from the previous year (required or non-required) he may have the same privileges as the required blue coach relative to retention of players. Youth choosing to be placed in the blue level shall be assigned to a common pool by age group where possible, provided they are not excepted by the above two paragraphs.

After determining the number of returning players on each team (required teams and blue returning non-required teams) the teams will draft with the required team with the least number of players selecting first until his players (returning plus drafted) equal those on the other required blue teams. Once this equalization has occurred then the required teams will alternate selection with the highest ranked coaches picking first and each team alternating from that point on. Once all required teams have been selected then the non-required teams will be selected from the remaining players in the blue pool. They will pick their players exactly the same as the required teams until the selection process is through. Players remaining in the common pool of players following the blue level selection process shall be returned to the open pool of red level players unless they had played for a red or white level team the previous season in which case the guidelines dealing with returning players shall apply.

BYLAW XI - FUND RAISING

1. All fund raising activities entered into by any coach, team member, team mother, any team associated with AYSC, or in the name of AYSC, must first be approved by the Executive Board. If the fundraiser is three weeks prior to the tournament and one week after, the Tournament Director will approve for the Executive Board.
2. Any money raised by a team must be reported and accounted for to the parents/guardians of that team. Such money must be used for tournament fees, food, lodging, team costs, and transportation for the players and coach only and equipment for players only. All money not used by the end of the calendar year will either (1) revert to the general AYSC fund, (2) refunded to the parents/guardians of the players, or (3) written notice to the parents/guardians of the players that the money will be carried over and used for the next spring or fall season.
3. The fundraiser must not conflict with the Tournament activities or AYSC fundraiser activities.
4. The Executive Board at anytime can request from the coach, team member, team mother of the fundraiser for a detailed account of the fundraiser (costs and profits) and the expenditures. Upon review of the records the Executive Board may request the coach, team member, team mother to give cash disbursement of the audited balance of the fundraiser to the team parents/guardians.

BYLAWS XII - UNIFORMS

1. Official Club Uniforms will be issued to AYSC players with the following guidelines: The uniforms issued by the club will follow BAYSA Club Uniform Jersey Colors ((Orange, Black, and/or White) with U8 and below having different colored uniforms for in-house play); All AYSC uniforms (club provided or team purchase) will display the AYSC logo in the front of the jersey. All uniforms will display a unique number for each player on a team on the back of the jersey; The back of the issued uniforms will be blank; Only sponsors or Team name are allowed on the back of the uniforms.
2. There will be no replica jerseys.
3. All AYSC Competitive Teams, U11 and up, have the option to refuse the Club uniforms and purchase their own uniforms as long as they comply with the club guidelines. If a team refuses the club uniform, each team will receive a reimbursement of \$15 per paid player (grant players will not receive a reimbursement). The reimbursement will be issued once the uniform meets the club guidelines.

3.1 U9 and above teams will receive a second jersey. There is not a reimbursement for the second jersey. If a team elects to have their own second uniform. In all cases, it must be approved by the club.

4. Competitive Teams, U11 and up, may have the Official Club Uniforms and purchase a secondary set. If a team chooses to purchase a secondary set, they are not required to follow the BAYSA Club Uniform Jersey Colors.
5. All Recreational Teams are required to wear Alvin Youth Soccer Club provided uniforms.

BYLAWS XIII - COACHES

All AYSC Coaches will be approved by the Executive Board each year.

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