

Niles Youth Soccer League By-Laws

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PREAMBLE

The policies hereafter are guidelines for the officers who administer various aspects of the Niles Youth Soccer League. Final decisions on any conflict with the administration of the By-Laws will be made by the League Officers.

BY-LAWS OF THE NILES YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE, INC.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this recreational youth soccer organization shall be the Niles Youth Soccer League, herein after referred to as N.Y.S.L.

ARTICLE II- PURPOSE

This association shall be formed for the purpose of operating a program for youth soccer. The league will promote and foster good sportsmanship, youth physical fitness and participation.

ARTICLE III- MEETINGS

The general meetings of the N.Y.S.L. shall be open to the public and held at the end of the regular season and the beginning of the new season. These general meetings shall be held in Niles, Ohio. The President or presiding officer can table any motion made for one meeting. Robert's Rules of Order are to be used in governing meeting procedure. Two (2) Officers will have the right to call an emergency meeting with a 48 hour notice to the league members. Only Officers shall vote on any league matters.

ARTICLE IV- OFFICERS

President	Will preside at all N.Y.S.L. meetings. Shall provide leadership and direction of the league programs.
Vice-President	Shall assist the President and shall act for the President in his/her absence.
Recording Secretary	Shall ensure that accurate records of the league operations are maintained. Shall handle all league correspondence.

- Treasurer Shall be responsible for an accurate accounting of league assets, receipts, expenditures, bank balances and disbursements of all funds.
Shall disburse all debts, after approval by the Board, by check. All checks are to bear at least two of the following Board member signatures: President /Vice-President , Secretary or Treasurer.
Shall provide annually an accurate financial statement for the purpose of being reviewed at all general meetings.
- Sergeant at Arms Responsible to direct field marshals in assuring order & safety.
Shall communicate any issues to President/Vice-President.

ARTICLE V- BOARD MEMBERS (appointed by the officers)

- Registrar Shall organize the registration programs.
- Match Secretary Shall serve as the league statistician.
Shall have the final approval with the President for scheduling of all games.
- Referee Coordinator Shall have the responsibility for scheduling referees to work all games.
Shall work with the Match Secretary on all aspects of scheduling games both in the beginning of the season as well as any make up games.
Shall be responsible with the Treasurer for paying all referees & Linesmen.
Shall give a daily report to the President on the yellow & red card action of the weeks games.
- Concession Stand
Coordinator Appointed by Officers.
Shall be expected to attend all scheduled board meetings.
Shall be in charge of all matters concerning the concession stand.
Shall provide an annual financial report at the September meeting.

ARTICLE VI- OFFICER REMOVAL

In order to remove an Officer, a majority vote of the remaining Officers will result in the expulsion of the said person. The board will decide how to replace the removed member.

ARTICLE VII- PURCHASES

All purchases for the league exceeding \$500.00 shall be accomplished through competitive bidding.

ARTICLE VIII- AFFILIATION

The N.Y.S.L. is affiliated with OYSAN and is subject to all their Rules & Regulations.

ARTICLE IX- REGISTRATION & ELIGIBILITY

The N.Y.S.L. program shall be for youths between the ages of Three (3) and Seventeen (17) years of age, inclusive. Birth dates will be established as of August 1st of the preceding year. Age level divisions and the number of teams eligible for participation for a given soccer season shall be established by the board.

ARTICLE X- TEAM SELECTION

The method of team member selection shall be structured in the following manner:

- A.) Team shall be comprised of no more than Eighteen (18) players.
- B.) Three (3) and Four (4) year old players will be placed on teams which are considered INSTRUCTIONAL ONLY and no league standings will be kept.
- C.) Players, other than the Instructional Division, shall be rated as to soccer ability by the coaches and shall be chosen by a blind draw at the beginning of each season, except for coach's, assistant coaches and sponsor's child who will be automatically placed on their respected team.

ARTICLE XI- PLAYER PARTICIPATION

All players must play one half of each game, including tournament games. No coach may drop a player from his/her roster without approval of the Officers. In the instance of a disciplinary problem, the coach has the right to withhold a player from participation for one game as long as he/she notifies either the President or Vice-President and the parents of the player, before taking such action. Any player ejected (red carded) from a game, shall be suspended for the remainder of that game and the next scheduled game. The game suspension shall be the next scheduled games, including tournament games. The player must attend the game(s) that he/she is suspended from or further action may be taken by the Officers. Any player receiving an ejection (red card) for the 3rd time in the same season shall be suspended for the rest of the season and further action may be taken by the Officers.

ARTICLE XII- INSURANCE & SAFETY OF PLAYERS

The N.Y.S.L. shall provide only secondary medical insurance for all participants. All players must wear shin guards& soccer cleats (No baseball cleats with front toe cleat permitted) to all practices and games.

ARTICLE XIII- COACHES

The Officers shall approve and have jurisdiction over all coaches. Coaches must be responsible for the discipline of the team, assistant coach and parents of team members. All coaches are required to complete the NSAFF Concussion course online <https://headsap.cdc.gov/>. All coaches are required to have successfully completed a background check before any contact with players is initiated. If a sponsor will act as a coach they will be required to complete a background check as well. No team may have any person whom is not registered on the sideline at any of their games. All coaches and team members must foster and promote good sportsmanship on and off the field of play. A coach may have only one (1) assistant and/or sponsor on the sideline with him/her during a game. A maximum of (3) Adults are permitted on the sideline.

ARTICLE XIV- GAMES

The league shall have games scheduled on weeknights and Saturdays (Sundays, if necessary) thus enabling parents who work turns to see their child(ren) play. **In the event of unusual circumstances, the league holds the right to have teams play more than one game on any given day.** Each team may be requested to provide one linesman for each game.

A.) Divisions of league teams and match length will be as follows:

U-4	4x 10 minute quarters	#3 Ball
U-6	4x 10 minute quarters	#3 Ball
U-8	2x 20 minute halves	#3 Ball
U-10	2x 25 minute halves	#4 Ball
U-12	2x 30 minute halves	#4 Ball
U-14	2x 30 minute halves	#5 Ball
U-17	2x 35 minute halves	#5 Ball

B.) Team standings for Dragon Cup will be determined through accumulation of points based on all scheduled games played during the regular season. The point system, as tabulated by the Match Secretary, shall be as follows:

Win = (2) Two points
 Draw= (1) One point
 Loss= (0) Zero points

C.) Match Play: All N.Y.S.L. games will be played under FIFA Laws & Rules of the Game of Soccer.

D.) Start of Match: A ten (10) minute grace period, beyond the scheduled match time, will be given to each team to field a team ready to play the match. If the ten (10) minute grace period has expired, the team not prepared to play will forfeit the match. A minimum of seven (7) players is required to play for U17 and U13 games. A minimum of five (5) players for U10 games, and a minimum for four (4) platers for U6 & U8.

E.) Match Positions for Teams/Spectators: Both competing teams will be located and maintain their positions, during matches, on the same touchlines and opposite the midfield line, five (5) yards from the touchline and within twenty (20) yards of the midfield line.

1.) Spectators will stand on the opposite side of the field away from the teams and a minimum of thirty (30) yards from each goal line.

2.) There should be no spectators behind either goal.

F.) Substitutions: Substitutions are unlimited and may be made following FIFA laws of the game.

1.) The referee must give permission for any substitutions to enter the field of play and the player must enter the field at the midfield line only.

2.) The referee must be notified of any change in the goalie position by a team.

3.) Upon receiving a yellow card the player may leave the field of play. If a player leaves the field of play, another player may replace the yellow carded player at the next allowed substitution.

G.) Officiating: The Referee Coordinator, will be responsible, along with N.Y.S.L.

ARTICLE XV- CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The purpose of this policy is to protect NYSL's interest and ensure successful operation of the league. No persons having interest or membership in a like organization shall hold an office with a governing vote.

