



# ALVIN YOUTH SOCCER CLUB BYLAWS

## BYLAW I - AGE GROUP DIVISIONS

Age divisions comprise players who are:

19U	18U	17U	16U
15U	14U	13U	12U
11U	10U	8U	6U

### **Breakdown of Divisions (Lowest to Highest)**

Division IV is defined as all teams regardless of skill level from 6u up to 10u age groups

Division III is defined as teams ranging from 11u up to 19u who desire to play recreation level soccer.

Division II is Defined as teams ranging from 11u up to 19u who desire to play at a higher level of skill of competitive soccer and must hold tryouts to form a team.

Division I is Defined as teams ranging from 13u to 19u who desire to play at the highest level of skill of competitive soccer (Select) and must hold tryouts to form a team.

## 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**

Division 4 is an introductory level involving young players, and practices should be limited to a maximum of 3.5 hours each week. Division 3 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 D3 and D4 may be closed short of the maximum as long as registered players are available.

### **BYLAW V - LATE REGISTERING PLAYERS**

If space allows players will be added to teams by the AYSC Registrar by the process of Random Draw. All players will incur a \$20 late fee for late registration, this fee can be waived by the AYSC registrar if the player(s) is needed to form a complete team.

### **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 3 and Division 4 of play shall be placed with the same team or team fragment of the previous regular season (Fall). 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/her former team during the first season he returns to playing soccer. His/her 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 3 and Division 4 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 D4, D3, and D4 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 Registrar.

### **BYLAW IX – DIVISION II LEVEL OF PLAY**

Coaches for the D2 teams shall be selected by the AYSC Board of Member. Criteria to be considered in the selection process shall include:

1. Desire to coach at the D2
2. Experience as a coach
3. Knowledge of soccer
4. Ability to teach and motivate players
5. Exemplary conduct at both practice and games.

Returning Players Required Teams - A required coach may retain all of the returning players to the team (D2) if he desires. He may release into the player pool as many players as he desires.

### **BYLAW XI - FUND RAISING**

1. All fund-raising activities entered into by any coach, team member, team parent, any team associated with AYSC, or in the name of AYSC, must first 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 be revert to AYSC scholarship fund.

3. The fundraiser must not conflict with the Tournament activities or AYSC fundraiser activities.

4. The Executive Board at any time 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 on the front of the jersey. All uniforms will display a unique number for each player on a team on the back of the jersey and 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

2. 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.

3. All Recreational Teams are required to wear Alvin Youth Soccer Club provided uniforms.

## **BYLAWS XIII - COACHES**

All AYSC Coaches will be approved by AYSC board via background check.

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**AYSC Ex Board**