

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

- (1) Propose at October 2016 General Meeting.
- (2) Vote for Amendment at December 2016 General Meeting.

Change Order of ARTICLES

Make ARTICLE XII General Club Rules and Policies into ARTICLE VIII

Keep ARTICLE IX Responsibilities of the Coach as ARTICLE IX

Keep ARTICLE X Responsibilities of the Player as ARTICLE X

Keep ARTICLE XI Responsibilities of the Parent as ARTICLE XI

Make ARTICLE VIII: Rules and Regulations into ARTICLE XII

Changes to Each ARTICLE

ARTICLE VIII General Club Rules and Policies

DELETE

Items a) through n) will be deleted and replaced with below

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A) Definitions:

(1) Head Coach - Parent who has volunteered to handle the administrative responsibilities of a soccer team as well as assist a Trainer (where applicable) in the training the players in technical soccer skills and techniques. Head Coach handles the training responsibilities if Trainer is not present or if the Head Coach decides to run additional training sessions on their own. Any additional training sessions run by Head Coach or Assistant Coach is decided by the Head Coach.

(2) Assistant Coach - Parent who has volunteered to assist the Head Coach in handling the administrative responsibilities of a soccer team as well as assisting a Trainer (where applicable) in the training of players in technical soccer skills and techniques. Assistant Coach handles the administrative responsibilities in the absence of the Head Coach. Assistant Coach handles the training responsibilities if Head Coach and/or Trainer are not present. Any additional training sessions run by Head Coach or Assistant Coach is decided by the Head Coach.

(3) Trainer - Certified and professional person whose sole responsibility is to train the players in technical soccer skills and techniques. Hired by Club and thus overseen by Board of Directors.

B) Head Coach (with the help from Assistant Coach) Responsibilities:

1. Oversee training sessions and Gameday to ensure the safety of the players
 - never leave a player alone after training or games
 - be certain that players depart with their parents or a designated individual

- avoid being left alone with players who are not your children
- 2. Additional safety measures
 - proper use of equipment (proper fitting shoes, proper type of shoe for playing surface, wearing of shin guards, no jewelry, etc.)
 - upkeep and monitoring of playing surface (check for glass, sharp objects, holes, etc.)
 - make sure another adult is present
 - where applicable, make sure goals and other field equipment is secure
 - frequent water breaks
 - have a first aid kit and ice available
 - schedule training during cool periods of the day
 - carry a player emergency info (medical release forms are preferred); make copies for Trainer
 - training should not put children in danger or prone to injuries
- 3. Oversee parents and other spectators during Gameday
 - shall be responsible for the conduct of their fans and shall be subject to disciplinary action for failure to exercise proper crowd control.
 - keeping spectators back from the sidelines and shall cooperate with the referee in this enforcement of this rule
 - Remind parents that they should not be “coaching” at the sideline, but offering words of encouragement.
- 4. Equipment Treatment
 - Assigned teams are responsible for setup and breakdown on Gameday; includes setting up and locking up goals, flags, sand bags.
 - Handling the equipment in the BSC storage container with care and respect.
 - Notify VP of Equipment with any issues
- 5. Remind parents and players that winning is not the most important aspect of playing soccer, learning and developing soccer skills takes precedence (Player development over winning).

C) Rules of the Game

1. Will follow Laws of the Game from FIFA and adopted by USSF, ENYYSA and individual leagues we are associated with, i.e. SSI, LIJSL, etc.

D) Team Formation

1. The Club will focus on player development.
2. Players ability is key throughout this process.
3. Each player will be given the best opportunity to grow at their level.
4. The Club will follow guidelines set by the United States Soccer Federation and adopted by the Leagues we participate, i.e. SSI, LIJSL, etc.
 - team formation based on Birth year
5. When evaluations are available:
 - Board will use the below variables the best they could to fairly and effectively create teams and/or place players.
 - Score from evaluations
 - a. overall skill level of player is scored and then ranked amongst all Division players
 - Attendance at evaluations

- a. indicates commitment of the player to soccer. Travel teams (SSI and LIJSL) require more of a commitment level from the players than U5-U8.
 - b. It is recommended that siblings be placed on appropriately skilled/ability level teams. If parents want to keep siblings together, they will be placed on team based on Board/Coach input
 - c. Coach feedback were applicable
 - Process
 - a. Determine number of players that attended both sessions, one session and neither session
 - b. Use minimum and maximum numbers of players for roster determination for each Division.
 - c. Determine the number of teams.
 - d. The scores in ranked order would determine player placement
 - e. If player attended both sessions, they would maintain their rank order.
 - f. If player missed a session, they would not maintain their rank order.
 - g. Team 1 would take the first # of players, in score ranked order, that attended both sessions.
 - h. Team 2-4 would start with players that only attended 1 session but have highest scores remaining.
 - 6. All teams are subject to a review and acceptance/rejection process by the Executive Board.
- E) Cancellation of Games (intramurals and home League games)
- 1. The Board upon consultation with the Division Coordinators has the authority to cancel all games before the start of play, at the beginning of the day, due to weather conditions. The same process will be used to cancel games in progress if needed due to changing weather conditions.
 - 2. Thunder and/or Lightning -- Games are canceled or stopped immediately ...
 - 3. All games canceled due to inclement weather or coaches need not be made up. Every effort will be made to reschedule but this is not mandatory.
- F) Protests are not allowed.
- G) Player Awards
- 1. Each child who participates in the activities of the CLUB (u5-U8) shall receive an individual award at the end of the season. No awards other than the official CLUB AWARD are to be presented without the express permission of the Executive Board. The team coach is completely responsible for the enforcement of this rule.
- H) Fund Raising
- 1. Only the Executive Board can authorize fund raising activities.
- I) Coach Licenses
- 1. In the desire to continually improve the quality of coaching in the CLUB, all coaches are recommended to take and pass the United States Soccer

Federation (USSF) "F" License. The USSF "F" License, consists of an on-line module found on the USSF website and a 90 minute field module. There is a New York statewide mandate that requires all U7, U8, U9 and U10 coaches or anyone that holds a pass that allows them to be on the sidelines at a game involving these age groups be licensed beginning with the fall 2015 season.

Coaches will have one year to acquire a license, if they do not acquire a license by August 31, 2016 they will not be issued a pass. U10 coaches that do not acquire a license cannot coach at the U11 level or any other age group. Coaches that currently coach an older age group that are not licensed and wish to coach a U8, U9 or U10 team must acquire a license. If a coach currently holds any USSF level above an F, LIJSL/NSCAA above a D license are not required to take the F or D license course.

2. The USSF F License is required for all Coaches to Coach U7-U10. It is recommended that all Coaches acquire the USSF F License.
3. The Club will cover the costs of the USSF F License and the LIJSL/NSCAA Level C Diploma.

J) Requirements for ALL Coaches

1. Completion of Risk Management (ENNYSA and/or SSI Risk Management)
2. CPR certification
3. Concussion Training

K) Financial Aid

1. Proposed Budget
 - We don't have unlimited resources.
 - Use donations and sponsorships that are marked/indicated by the donor to assist families with financial difficulties
2. Proposed Guidelines
 - Is the child (Family) in question currently in the Club?
 - Does the child/family have other family members in the Club?
 - Is the child (or children) dedicated to soccer? Feedback from the Coach
 - Are they playing other sports?
 - Is there a single parent?
3. Proposed Assistance
 - For those families not through Mike Green Foundation: the Club should cover half (1/2) of total costs of registration and uniform (where applicable)
 - For those families through the Mike Green Foundation: the Club should cover half (1/2) of total costs of registration only. The Foundation will cover the other half of the registration costs and full costs of uniform/equipment.

L) Team Uniforms (League teams)

1. Home combination: white jersey with orange socks
2. Away combination: orange jersey with black socks
3. Jersey and sock combinations can be affected by the opposing team's colors, but try to adhere to the above recommendations whenever possible.

- M) Fields Usage
1. Adhere to the Approved Permits
 - submitted by the Babylon Soccer Club to the School District.
 - submitted by the Babylon Soccer Club to the Town of Babylon
 2. For school fields, School teams have priority over our training sessions and/or games as we are using their fields

ARTICLE IX Other Responsibilities of The Coach

- A) Detailed player and team responsibilities of the Head Coach and Assistant Coach are described in Article VIII section b).
- B) Other responsibilities include the following:
1. Keep the children of the team informed of their progress. Encourage them all, especially those who are not gifted with the coordination and skills that others have. Always remember that it is because of the children that his CLUB was formed.
 2. Parent Communication
 - Coach (Head and Assistant) responsible to get the Club's message to their team parents.
 - Coach (Head and Assistant) need to make every effort to keep in close contact with their team parents; email is the easiest, but a post game face to face may be necessary every few weeks.
 - Utilize tools are our disposal, i.e. SI Play and Team Wall sites for scheduling, tracking attendance and email communication.
 3. Teach the laws of the game and good sportsmanship. Teach them to play to win and to be good losers. Remember, the game is for the children (DON'T TAKE THE FUN OUT OF IT). Don't over criticize. Be patient and offer constructive criticism only. The CLUB will not tolerate the mistreatment of any child by any coach.
 4. Sportsmanship
 - Good sportsmanship should be the cornerstone of everything we teach the children.
 - Shake hands and introduce yourself and your assistant coach to both the opposing team's coaches and referees before each game.
 - Shake hands with opposing team's coaches and the referees after each game.
 - Go to the aid of all injured players when the referee signals a stoppage of play (both coaches).
 - Review guidelines of appropriate behavior with the parents at the beginning of each season.
 - Keep informed of and strictly observe the current rules of play for the CLUB.
 - Volunteer, when possible, as "buddies" to help coaches less experienced than yourself.
 5. Teach the basic skills of soccer-- Heading, Trapping, Passing, Dribbling, etc. Teach positions for the game, corner kicks, penalty kicks and throw-ins.

6. The success of the CLUB will depend on your attitude. Set the proper example. This will earn the respect of the parents and children and they will act accordingly.
 - The children are responsible to you--control their actions at all times.
7. Coordinate the sharing of the workload in an equitable manner. (Every parent signed up to help where possible when they registered their child).
8. Inform the Division Coordinator of any problems that affect the CLUB immediately.
9. Support "CLUB" rules and policies.
10. Endeavor to make each game an enjoyable experience for every child (on both teams). Take any action you can to prevent your team from winning by a run-away score. Rearrange players in order to allow them to experience and learn new positions.
11. If you attend games other than which your team is involved, limit your comments from the sidelines to constructive appreciation of good soccer played by members of both teams. Do not "coach" either team from the sidelines. Do not attempt to inject yourself in any manner into the playing of the game. It is especially important that this attitude be practiced if the game you are attending is within the same division in which you are coaching.

ARTICLE X Responsibilities of The Player

Status Quo

ARTICLE XI Responsibilities of the Parent

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1. Remember that winning is not everything. Player development is more important than winning.

ARTICLE XII Rules and Regulations

A) Rules Of Play

1. The rules of play for each contest sanctioned by the CLUB shall be the "Laws of the Games" as published by the Federation Internationale de Football Association (F.I.F.A.) and modified by the US Soccer Federation, ENYYSA, LIJSL and/or SSI. The CLUB will follow the guidelines and best practice for youth soccer as passed by the US Soccer Federation and adopted by ENYYSA, LIJSL and SSI. This includes the US Soccer Federation's mandate to adopt calendar-year competition and small-sided games by 2017.

B) Programs

BSC will have an Intramural Program (Core) and Travel Program (Includes inter-town, i.e. SSI)

a) Intramural Program (Core)

1. U5 Instructional

a) Responsibilities

- U5 Coordinator will handle scheduling, coordination and liaison with parents. Includes all communications with parents.
- Work with VP of Coaching to create U5 schedule
- Trainer will handle soccer training

b) Team Assignments

- No teams
- No Coaches
- Boys and Girls play together
- Club will supply Trainer

2. U6

a) Responsibilities

- U6 Coordinator will handle scheduling, coordination and liaison with VP of Coaching. Will work with VP of Coaching to create U6 Gameday schedule.
- Each team will have a Head Coach; Teams having an Assistant Coach as well would be ideal.
- Trainer will handle soccer training. Head Coach can run additional training as the lead trainer.

b) Team Assignments

- Boys and girls play separately
- See Article VIII part C for team formation
- Club will supply Trainer

3. U7/U8

a) Responsibilities

- U7/U8 Coordinator will handle scheduling, coordination and liaison with VP of Coaching. Will work with VP of Coaching to create U7U8 Gameday schedule.
- Each team will have a Head Coach AND an Assistant Coach
- Trainer will handle soccer training. Head Coach can run additional training as the lead trainer.

b) Team Assignments

- Boys and girls play separately
- See Article VIII part C for team formation
- Club will supply Trainer

b) Travel Program (SSI and LIJSL) -

1. U9 and Up

a) Responsibilities

- Travel (SSI and LIJSL) Coordinators will handle scheduling, coordination and liaison with VP of Coaching. Will work with VP of Coaching to create home Gameday schedule.

- Each team will have a Head Coach AND an Assistant Coach
- Trainer will handle soccer training. Head Coach can run additional training as the lead trainer.
- b) Team Assignments
 - Boys and girls play separately
 - See Article VIII part C for team formation
 - Club will supply Trainer (U9 to U12)
- c) The Travel (SSI and LIJSL) Coordinators will work with each League to determine each team placement within the League Divisions.

C) Scheduling of Games

Each Intramural Coordinator will work with the VP of Coaching to create Gameday schedule. Executive Board decide on final GameDay schedule for each Intramural Program.

- a) Fall Season
 - 1. The number of teams to be assigned in each division will be established by the Executive Board and the assigned Coordinators during the first two weeks of August each year.
 - 2. A schedule will then be developed by the VP of Coaching, Coordinator and signed off by the Executive Board during the second week of August each year.
- b) Spring Season
 - 1. A schedule will be developed by the VP of Coaching, Coordinator and signed off by the Executive Board during the first week of March each year.

Travel (SSI and LIJSL) Coordinators will handle GameDay scheduling.