

# FEDERAL WAY SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Bylaws Adopted March 2009

All references to "he" will mean He, His, She, or Her

## **Article 1 Name**

This organization shall be known as Federal Way Soccer Association (incorporated), here after referred to as the Association; and be affiliated with the Washington State Youth Soccer Association (incorporated), here after referred to as W.S.Y.S.A.

All of the purposes and powers of the Corporation shall be exercised exclusively for charitable and educational purposes in such manner that the Corporation shall qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("the Code") or any successor provision, and that contributions to the Corporation shall be deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code or any successor provisions.

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except as otherwise permitted to an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or any successor provision. The Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal and state income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or any successor provision, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code or any successor provision.

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members (if any), directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation is authorized or empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purposes.

Upon the winding up and dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of the Corporation, shall be distributed to an organization or organizations, as determined by the Board of Directors, that are recognized as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or any successor provision, and used exclusively to accomplish the purposes for which this Corporation is organized.

## **Article 2 Objectives and Purpose**

The purpose of this Association shall be to teach, administer, the game of soccer among those youths, participating in the soccer program administered by the Federal Way Soccer Association as defined by these by-laws or as authorized under the charter issued by the WSYSA; train coaching personnel and referees; teach through the game sportsmanship and physical health, develop, promote and govern the game of soccer among such youths; establish

50 uniform rules applicable to youth soccer competition in the Federal Way Area consistent with  
51 the principles of FIFA, its laws and decisions, establish areas of jurisdiction of its member  
52 organizations; convenient to accomplish its primary purpose of teaching the game of soccer  
53 directly and through its member organizations.

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55 **Article 3 Control and Authority**

56 **SECTION 1 Authority:**

57 The authority of this Association shall be vested in the by-laws of the Association as approved  
58 or amended, and in the charter issued by the WSYSA, except when these are superseded by  
59 those of the WSYSA by-laws and Constitution.

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61 **SECTION 2 Control:**

62 The final control of the Association shall be vested in an elected and appointed body known as  
63 the Board of Directors which shall exercise the right of decisions on all matters pertaining to  
64 Association affairs.

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66 **SECTION 3 Membership:**

67 Membership to Federal Way Soccer Association shall be open to any soccer players, parent or  
68 legal guardian of a player, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials not subject  
69 to suspension under section 4 of United States Soccer Federation Bylaw 241, and to any  
70 amateur soccer organization in its designated territory; the Federation articles of incorporation,  
71 bylaws, policies, and requirements take precedence over and supercede the governing  
72 documents and decisions of Federal Way Soccer Association and its members to the extent  
73 applicable under Washington State law; and the Federal Way Soccer Association and its  
74 members will abide by the articles of incorporation, bylaws and requirements of the Federation  
75 and of the Washington State Youth Soccer Association, including on interplay.

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77 **Article 4 Boundaries and Jurisdiction**

78 **SECTION 1 FWSA Boundaries and Jurisdiction:**

79 The boundaries of this Association shall coincide with the boundaries of the Federal Way  
80 School District #210, or as defined under the Charter issued by the WSYSA. The FWSA is the  
81 official authority for all the children of the Federal Way School District #210. All youth soccer  
82 players registered with the FWSA or participating in a program administered by the FWSA are  
83 subject to the control and authority of this Association.

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85 **SECTION 2 Member Organizations Boundaries and Jurisdiction:**

86 The geographical boundaries and age jurisdiction of FWSA member organizations shall be  
87 approved by the Board of Directors and are as follows:

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89 **Federal Way Mod Soccer Club:**

90 This club shall have custodial responsibility for ages U-6 through U-10 with boundaries that  
91 coincide and encompass all of Federal Way school District #210. This club may choose to  
92 include any private schools that may fall within the above listed boundaries.

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94 **Federal Way United Soccer Club:**

95 This club shall have custodial responsibility for youth ages U-11 through U19 with boundaries  
96 that coincide and encompass all of Federal Way School District #210. This club may choose to  
97 include any private schools that may fall within the above listed boundaries.

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99 **Article 5 Membership**

100 **SECTION 1 Association Membership:**

101 The membership of this Association shall be by Member Organizations. All such organizations  
102 are eligible for membership subject to approval of the Board of Directors and upon payment of  
103 an annual affiliation fee.

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105 **SECTION 2 Member Organization Teams:**

106 Member Organizations shall have a minimum of five (5) registered and active teams. Such  
107 teams shall be generally formed of players who reside within the geographic area specified in  
108 Article 4 of these by-laws.

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110 **SECTION 3 Application for Membership:**

111 Applications for membership shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Association, in  
112 the format prescribed by the Board of Directors, with copies of the organizations Constitution,  
113 by-laws and rules. Such applications shall be presented to the Board of Directors at the next  
114 meeting, following acceptance by the Secretary, and a majority vote of the Board of Directors  
115 shall constitute approval. Upon approval of the application the member organization shall be  
116 granted the custodial responsibility over the youth soccer players registered with that member  
117 organization.

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119 **SECTION 4 Affiliation Fee:**

120 The Affiliation fee for each member organization shall be an amount set by two-thirds affirmative  
121 vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors. The annual affiliation fee is due and payable to  
122 FWSA October 1<sup>st</sup> and the insurance portions of said fee are due September 1<sup>st</sup>.

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124 **SECTION 5 Member Organizations Votes:**

125 All member organizations shall be entitled to one member on the Board of Directors and four  
126 votes at all regular and special meetings of the Board, except that no member organization in  
127 arrears with its dues or suspended, shall be entitled to vote or participate in the business of the  
128 Association. Members holding Board office (elected or appointed) may not represent nor hold  
129 proxy vote for clubs during Board meetings. In all business, the responsibility of the Board  
130 position supersedes the Club affiliation.

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132 **SECTION 6 Member Organization Duties:**

133 It is the duty of all member organizations to uphold the purpose of the Association and to help in  
134 the supervision of all soccer activities that take place. Each member organization shall be  
135 responsible for the conduct of its players, coaches, officials and spectators. Each member  
136 organization shall take all precautions reasonable to safeguard the players, game officials and  
137 spectators. Each member organization shall make reasonable effort to protect the property,  
138 public or private, on which the game is played from damage or misuse.

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140 **SECTION 7 Rules and Regulations:**

141 All member organizations shall abide by the rules and regulations of the Association. Any  
142 member organization, which attempts to circumvent a decision rendered by the Association, or  
143 which damages the interests of the Association by word or deed, shall be charged with  
144 misconduct and shall face suspension, expulsion, or lesser disciplinary action. The FWSA  
145 Disciplinary chair and his committee shall review the full particulars relating to a charge of  
146 misconduct and upon two-thirds majority vote of a quorum of the committee may suspend or  
147 expel the offending member organization or take other lesser disciplinary action considered  
148 appropriate, upon approval of the Executive Board of FWSA.

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150 **SECTION 8 Legal Services:**

151 In any Disciplinary matter, no player, coach, manager, team assistant, referee, parent or officer  
152 from any member team, club, Association or organization shall engage the services of any

153 lawyer or attorney or invoke the aid of the courts until all avenues of approach of the Disciplinary  
154 and mediation procedures are exhausted through regular channels of organized soccer.

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156 **SECTION 9 The Referee Association:**

157 The Referee Association shall be entitled to one member on the Board of Directors and one  
158 vote at all regular and special meetings of the Board. The Referee Administrator shall be  
159 appointed to the Board of Directors by the Referee Association. It shall be his duty to represent  
160 FWSA at State level, be responsible for referee development and referee disciplinary review,  
161 and to be the liaison with the Washington State Soccer Referee Association. He shall be a  
162 qualified referee, shall assist the 2nd Vice President of Administration with regards to the laws  
163 of the game. He shall maintain liaison between the Association and Referees Association. He  
164 shall coordinate referees clinics. He shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors.

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166 **SECTION 10 Membership Withdrawal:**

167 Any withdrawal of FWSA membership by a member organization (club) must be approved by  
168 two-thirds majority vote of the FWSA Board of Directors.

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170 **Article 6 Inter-Association Affiliation**

171 Any team or Association wishing to affiliate with the Federal Way Soccer Association for the  
172 purpose of competition or promotion of soccer, will, after signing an agreement, fall under the  
173 jurisdiction and will be governed by the Federal Way Soccer Association By-laws. Also said  
174 teams or Associations must, if requested by the Association registrar, submit to the Federal  
175 Way Soccer Association registrar, a properly filled out team roster and proof of age certificate,  
176 before any scheduling can take place.

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178 **Article 7 Board of Directors**

179 **SECTION 1 The Governing Body**

180 The Association Board of Directors shall have the right of decision on all matters pertaining to  
181 Association affairs. The Board of Directors will conduct the business of the Association, and  
182 shall consist of the elected officers, (here after referred to as the Executive Board) and the  
183 appointed officers and one Representative from each member Organization.

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185 The responsibilities of the Board of Directors and Authority shall include, but not be limited to:

- 186 1. They shall be responsible for enforcing the Constitution, by-laws and operating  
187 procedures of the FWSA
- 188 2. Approval of formation and operation of tournaments.
- 189 3. Approval of interstate and international play.
- 190 4. Removal of FWSA officers based on detrimental actions or neglect of accepted  
191 responsibilities.
- 192 5. Filling vacancies of the Executive Board.
- 193 6. To ensure member organizations by-laws are in compliance with FWSA and WSYSA  
194 bylaws.

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196 **SECTION 2 Bonding:**

197 The officers elected to President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, shall be bonded by the  
198 FWSA. The FWSA Treasurer will facilitate this process.

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200 **Article 8 Executive Board**

201 **SECTION 1 Executive Board (Elected):**

202 The Executive Board of this Club shall be:

- 203 1. President
- 204 2. Vice President

- 205 3. Secretary
- 206 4. Treasurer
- 207 5. Registrar
- 208 6. 2nd Vice President of Administration
- 209 7. Fields Director
- 210 8. Referee Administrator
- 211 9. Webmaster

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213 **SECTION 2 Duties and Responsibilities of the Executive Board:**

214 The Executive Board shall be responsible for conducting the business and administrating the

215 affairs of the Association to include, but not limited to, the following:

- 216 1. Enforcing the FWSA and WSYSA by-laws, procedures, and rules.
- 217 2. Approval and operation of any and all tournaments sponsored by the Association.
- 218 3. Approval or removal of the Association Board of Directors.
- 219 4. Recommendations to the Board of Directors for suspension or removal of the
- 220 Association officers.
- 221 5. Review and make recommendations on matters to be submitted to the Board of
- 222 Directors.
- 223 6. Sign order on the treasury.

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225 **SECTION 3 Officers Election Procedures:**

- 226 1. The Executive Board (elected) shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting by the
- 227 Associations voting membership, as follows:
  - 228 a. Officers to be elected on ODD numbered years are:
    - 229 President Fields Director
    - 230 Secretary Referee Administrator
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  - 232 b. Officers to be elected in EVEN numbered years are:
    - 233 Vice President 2nd Vice President of Administration
    - 234 Registrar Treasurer
    - 235 Webmaster
- 236 2. Thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting notification stating the date and
- 237 place of the election shall be mailed electronically to each member of the Body.
- 238 3. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor at the election.
- 239 4. Prior to each election, the President shall appoint a person who is not a candidate for
- 240 office to conduct the election. That person shall appoint a minimum of two (2) tellers and
- 241 a secretary to pass out, collect and count the ballots in the presence of the election
- 242 chair. Ballots may be distributed in advance by this committee as part of the procedure
- 243 of signing in. The election results shall be announced to the membership by the election
- 244 chair who shall state the number of eligible votes, the number of votes counted, the
- 245 number of votes necessary to elect, and the results of the balloting.
- 246 5. A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect.
- 247 6. In the event an objection is raised, a recount of the ballots may be approved by the
- 248 Board of Directors in a weighted, roll call vote. In the event a recount is authorized, each
- 249 person running for office shall be entitled to appoint one person to monitor the recount.
- 250 7. The election chair shall then entertain a motion to destroy the ballots.

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253 **SECTION 4 Term of Office**

- 254 1. The term of office for the FWSA Executive Board shall commence immediately upon
- 255 election, and shall continue until the Annual General Meeting two years hence.
- 256 Outgoing officers shall assist the successors for a period not to exceed the remainder of
- 257 the fiscal year, in order to assure a smooth transition. All Association officers are eligible

258 for re-election to the same office at succeeding elections. Vacancies occurring  
259 subsequent to elections shall be filled by majority vote of a quorum of the Board of  
260 Directors; except if the President is vacated, a new Vice President shall be selected.  
261 The term of office for officers elected by such election is the unexpired term of the  
262 vacated office.

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- 264 2. In the event the offices of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar,  
265 and 2nd VP of Administration are all vacated, the Board of Directors shall elect, by a  
266 majority vote, replacements for the remainder of their respective terms. In the interim,  
267 the Board of Directors shall designate a member of the Board of Directors as Acting  
268 President.
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- 270 3. Any Executive Board member being absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the  
271 Executive Board or the Board of Directors, or being negligent in responsibilities to the  
272 Association, or being in violation of the FWSA or WSYSA Code of Ethics or combination  
273 thereof, shall be subject to suspension or removal by the Board of Directors.

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275 **SECTION 5 Duties and Responsibilities of Executive Board:**

276 The duties and responsibilities of the Elected officers shall be:

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278 **A. PRESIDENT:**

- 279 1. He shall call, attend, and preside over all Association and Board of Director  
280 meetings.
- 281 2. Submit a report on his/her activities at each monthly meeting
- 282 3. Supervise all activities of the Association and Board of Directors.
- 283 4. Serve as ex-officio chairman of all committees.
- 284 5. Present to the Board for approval all nominations for vacancies on the Board as  
285 necessary during his/her term of office.
- 286 6. Prepare an agenda before all meetings.
- 287 7. Present for approval, by the Executive Board, appointed Chairpersons names.
- 288 8. When requested by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, he shall call special  
289 meetings of the Board of Directors, as the need arises.
- 290 9. In his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Directors, he shall vote only in the  
291 case of a tie.

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293 **B. VICE PRESIDENT:**

- 294 1. Attend all Association monthly meetings
- 295 2. Submit a report on his activities at each meeting
- 296 3. Assume the President's duties in his absence.
- 297 4. Assist the President as required
- 298 5. He shall be responsible for communication and education of all officers and  
299 committee Directors on the Board of Directors regarding their duties and  
300 activities of their position.
- 301 6. He shall be responsible for all FWSA fund raising activities
- 302 7. He shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors.

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304 **C. SECRETARY:**

- 305 1. Attend all Association monthly meetings.
- 306 2. Submit a report on his activities at each meeting.
- 307 3. Attend to and file all correspondence and maintain a business address for the  
308 Association.
- 309 4. He shall record and prepare the minutes for all meetings of the Board of  
310 Directors and the Association.

- 311 5. He shall distribute to all Board members and mail member organization  
312 Presidents copies of such minutes no later than two weeks from previous  
313 Association meeting.  
314 6. He shall provide timely notifications of the time and place of Board of Directors  
315 meetings to all members of the Board of Directors.  
316 7. He shall help the President prepare meeting agendas.  
317 8. Call role of the Board and name any proxy voters.  
318 9. He shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors.  
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321 **D. TREASURER:**

- 322 1. Attend all Association monthly meetings.  
323 2. Submit a report on his activities at each meeting.  
324 3. Keep financial records of all monetary transactions, including incoming and  
325 outgoing monies  
326 4. Maintain a checking and savings account with dual signature authority by either  
327 the President, Vice president, and Treasurer; (checks will be signed by Treasurer  
328 and one other officer)  
329 5. Assist with and schedule an audit on the records prior to the Annual General  
330 Meeting.  
331 6. He shall present a written report on the financial status at all Association  
332 meetings.  
333 7. Submit at the Annual General Meeting a proposed budget for the year.  
334 8. File a tax exempt status with the IRS yearly  
335 9. File yearly State Tax Form and Federal Tax Form.  
336 10. Pay all registration and insurance fees to WSYSA  
337 11. He shall be required to have all member organizations file financial information  
338 with the Association in order that they may be covered by Association tax-exempt  
339 status.  
340 12. He shall maintain records necessary to assure that member organizations have  
341 and maintain insurance coverage acceptable to the Association.  
342 13. He shall assist in adjusting, with Board approval, all departmental accounts as  
343 necessary for balanced budgeting, within the total approved budget.  
344 14. He shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors.  
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346 **E. REGISTRAR/RISK MANAGER**

- 347 1. Attend all Association monthly meetings.  
348 2. Submit a report on his activities at each meeting.  
349 3. Coordinate Annual Player registration within the Association.  
350 4. Verify age of all players registered in the Association.  
351 5. Maintain an up to date file on all players, teams and coaches.  
352 6. He shall direct the club registrars in the processing of registration and  
353 transfer of players, maintenance and update of rosters.  
354 7. He shall maintain liaison with the WSYSA Registrar.  
355 8. Handle all transfers to and from teams, and to and from clubs and Associations  
356 as required by deadlines.  
357 9. Establish deadlines for league registrations, state cups, and player transfers.  
358 10. Be responsible for ensuring that all club and Association members who work with  
359 children, such as, but not limited to, the Board of Directors, Executive Board,  
360 Head and Assistant Coaches, Team Managers, fill out and return to the WSYSA,  
361 a Washington State Youth Soccer Association Volunteer form, Washington State  
362 Patrol clearance form, in addition to any other FWSA or WSYSA required  
363 security form.

- 364 11. Maintain a liaison and work with the WSYSA Risk Manager .  
365 12. He shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors.  
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367 **F. 2ND VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION:**

- 368 1. Attend all Association monthly meetings.  
369 2. Submit a report on his activities at each meeting.  
370 3. Preside over all Association Disciplinary matters.  
371 4. He shall be responsible for prompt disposition of all protests, letters of  
372 information, complaints, appeals, and direct the proper committee to hold  
373 preliminary hearings and file a report within seven days of validation.  
374 5. He shall also report to the Board of Directors on all such matters concerning  
375 protests, letters of information, complaints or appeals.  
376 6. He shall attend or send a representative to all District and State disciplinary  
377 committee meetings as needed.  
378 7. He shall appoint and chair the By-law Committee and review the by-laws yearly  
379 and submit proposed changes to the FWSA By-laws, in their proper format, to all  
380 Association members, a minimum of 30 days before the FWSA AGM.  
381 8. Establish a Disciplinary pool to be called upon as needed.  
382 9. He shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors.  
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384 **G. FIELDS DIRECTOR:**

- 385 1. He shall report on the availability and utilization of fields within the Federal Way  
386 area.  
387 2. He shall maintain liaison with the Recreation Council, Parks Department and  
388 other organizations regarding use, condition and availability of fields for playing  
389 soccer.  
390 3. He shall coordinate the activities of member organizations in acquiring and  
391 improving fields for soccer.  
392 4. He shall be the representative to the Recreation Council meetings.  
393 5. He shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors.  
394 6. He shall assign fields to member organizations for practice and competition.  
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396 **H. REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR:**

- 397 1. He shall represent the FWSA at the State level.  
398 2. He shall be responsible for referee development and referee disciplinary review.  
399 3. He shall be the FWSA liaison with the Washington State Soccer Referee  
400 Association.  
401 4. He shall be a qualified referee and shall assist the 2nd Vice President of  
402 Administration with regards to the laws of the game.  
403 5. He shall coordinate referee clinics  
404 6. He shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors.  
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406 **I. WEBMASTER:**

- 407 1. He shall be responsible for the maintenance of a web site for the Federal Way  
408 Soccer Association and its member organizations.  
409 2. He shall maintain a "domain name" called "Federal Way Soccer" and shall have  
410 that domain name "hosted" by a reputable ISP.  
411 3. He shall maintain an E-mail account and will setup forwarding of E-mail  
412 addressed to officers or officials of the FWSA. The "Website content" shall be at  
413 the direction of the Board of Directors.  
414 4. The Webmaster will be responsible for design and graphics contained on the  
415 web site.



- 416 5. The Webmaster shall be a voting member of the Federal Way Soccer  
417 Association.  
418 6. He shall report on the status of the web site at the monthly meetings.  
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## 420 **Article 9 Appointed Chairpersons**

### 421 **SECTION 1 The Appointed Chairpersons Positions shall be:**

422 The Appointed Chairpersons positions shall be:

- 423 1. WSYSA/District III Representative
- 424 2. Chairman of Tournament Committee
- 425 3. Director of Coaching (ex-officio)

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### 427 **SECTION 2 Duties and Responsibilities of the Appointed Chairpersons:**

428 The duties and responsibilities of the appointed chairperson shall be:

#### 429 **A. WSYSA/District III REPRESENTATIVE:**

- 430 1. Attend all Association monthly meetings.
- 431 2. Submit a report on all matters pertaining to WSYSA/District III activities, to the  
432 Board of Directors at each monthly Association meeting.
- 433 3. Represent the interests of the Association at all District III and state level  
434 meetings per prior instruction by the Board of Directors.
- 435 4. He shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors

#### 436 **B. CHAIRMAN OF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:**

- 437 1. Attend all Association monthly meetings.
- 438 2. Submit a report on his activities at each meeting.
- 439 3. He shall also coordinate with WSYSA Tournament Committee on all matters  
440 concerning field assignment for the WSYSA State Tournament games held  
441 within Association Boundaries and schedules for Association teams.
- 442 4. He shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors

#### 443 **C. DIRECTOR OF COACHING:**

- 444 1. Preside over all Association development programs.
- 445 2. Coordinate development of programs for member organizations.

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### 447 **SECTION 3 Appointment of Chairpersons:**

448 The appointed Chairpersons shall be appointed and approved by a majority vote of a quorum of  
449 the Board of Directors at the regular monthly meetings, which will be open to all Association  
450 members. The appointed Chairpersons shall not be voting members of the Board of Directors  
451 unless so stated.

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### 453 **SECTION 4 Terms of Office:**

- 454 1. The term of office for the appointed Chairpersons shall commence immediately upon  
455 appointment and shall continue until the AGM two (2) years hence. Outgoing  
456 chairpersons shall assist the successors for a period not to exceed the remainder of the  
457 fiscal year, in order to assure a smooth transition.
- 458 2. In the event any of the appointed positions become vacant, the Board of Directors shall  
459 elect, by a majority vote of a quorum, a replacement.

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## 461 **Article 10 Meetings**

### 462 **SECTION 1 Annual General Meeting**

- 463 1. The Association Annual General meeting must be held before the WSYSA AGM.
- 464 2. Notification of the meeting and its agenda and any proposed by-law revisions, in addition  
465 to a list of candidates for each elected office, shall be made available to all FWSA  
466 Board of Directors members at least 30 days prior the Annual General Meeting.

467 Notification shall be issued to each member organization so that they may distribute it to  
468 their various teams no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

469 3. The order of business at the AGM shall be as follows:

- 470 a. Roll call
- 471 b. Credentials
- 472 c. Minutes
- 473 d. Officer's reports
- 474 e. Committee reports
- 475 f. Unfinished business
- 476 g. Proposals (by-law changes)
- 477 h. New business
- 478 i. Election of officers
- 479 j. Presentation of awards
- 480 k. Good of the game
- 481 l. Adjournment

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483 **SECTION 2 Voting at the AGM**

- 484 1. Voting privileges at the AGM will be subject to the following: Each member listed shall  
485 have one (1) vote each.
  - 486 a. Member of the FWSA Board of Directors
  - 487 b. The Coach of record
  - 488 c. The Assistant Coach of record
  - 489 d. Any parent or guardian of a player in good standing with the Association
- 490 2. Proxy votes shall be accredited to one representative of each team or Board member in  
491 lieu of the Board member or Coach of record attending. Delegates shall be limited to a  
492 maximum of 5 votes per delegate, self (1) plus four (4) proxy votes. All proxy votes must  
493 be in writing and signed by the absent voter.

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495 **SECTION 3 Regular Monthly Meetings**

- 496 1. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of five or more elected officers and fifty  
497 percent (rounded to the next higher number) or more of the representatives from the  
498 member organizations.
- 499 2. The Association Board shall meet on a monthly basis during the playing season, time  
500 and place specified by the Association President.
- 501 3. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at the discretion of the  
502 President to resolve matters that may arise between the regular meetings of the Board.
- 503 4. An agenda will be established by the President and made available before each  
504 meeting.
- 505 5. Agenda for the monthly meeting shall be:
  - 506 a. Call to order
  - 507 b. Roll call
  - 508 c. Minutes
  - 509 d. Officer's reports
  - 510 e. Committee/Chairpersons reports
  - 511 f. Unfinished business
  - 512 g. New business
  - 513 h. Good of the Game
  - 514 i. Adjournment
- 515 6. Monthly meetings shall last no longer than two (2) hours.
- 516 7. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order newly revised, shall  
517 govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are  
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not inconsistent with these by-laws and with any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

**SECTION 4 Voting at Monthly Meetings:**

1. The following or their proxy will have the right to vote at any meeting:
  - a. President (as tie breaker only)
  - b. Vice President
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Treasurer
  - e. Registrar
  - f. 2nd Vice President of Administration
  - g. Referee Administrator
  - h. Fields Director
  - i. One (1) Representative from each member Organization
  - j. WSYSA/District III Representative
  - k. Webmaster
  - l. Tournament Chairman
  - m. Any parent or guardian of a player in good standing with the Association
2. No Association member may have more than one (1) vote for self.
3. Only a signed letter of proxy will be accepted. Signature of FWSA President, Club President, or next available officer present in the President's absence will be required.

**SECTION 5 Attendance at Meetings:**

Attendance at regular monthly meetings and the AGM is mandatory for all Executive Board members. Any Executive Board member unable to attend, must send a proxy voter with his (board member's) written vote. Any executive Board member, or Appointed Chairperson, missing two (2) meetings consecutively, may be asked to vacate that office.

**SECTION 6 Special General Meetings:**

1. Special General Meetings shall be called only for the purpose of removing an elected officer.
2. The order of business at such meetings:
  - a. Roll Call
  - b. Credentials
  - c. Report by the tribunal
  - d. Vote on the report
  - e. Adjournment
3. One vote may be cast per registered team in addition to voting members.
4. Special General Meetings may be convened by request of the President, or two (2) or more of the elected officers, or 30% or more of the Association membership.

**Article 11 Finances**

**SECTION 1 Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of this Association shall begin at 12:01 am on May 1<sup>st</sup>, and the end at 11:59 pm on April 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. All financial rules and regulations are in effect during the twelve (12) months of the fiscal year.

**SECTION 2 Budget:**

1. The Treasurer, with the support of the Association Executive Board, shall prepare a proposed budget for the next fiscal year. Copies of the proposed budget, by line item,

572 shall be submitted to the Association Board of Directors, at least thirty (30) days prior to  
573 the meeting at which it is adopted. Copies of the approved budget, by line item, shall be  
574 printed in the Annual report.  
575 2. The budget shall be limited for any given year to expected income plus reserve for that  
576 year. The total budget shall include no less than 10% contingency fund each year.  
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578 **SECTION 3 Registration Fees:**

- 579 1. Each player in FWSA shall pay a registration fee to his member organizations. FWSA  
580 will then assess each member organization a per player fee to cover the WSYSA player  
581 insurance and WSYSA player fees.  
582 2. No player shall be denied the right to play soccer due to his/her inability to pay the  
583 registration fee. All players unable to meet this fee shall declare hardship to his team  
584 coach or the club registrar before the first scheduled game and uniform distribution.  
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586 **SECTION 4 Field Fund**

587 The organization shall establish and maintain a fund for the development and / or purchase of  
588 fields. The FWSA Board of Directors shall administer said fund, including the establishment of  
589 annual fees to be levied upon the members of the FWSA for the fund. A two-thirds affirmative  
590 vote of a quorum of the FWSA Board of Directors is required before funds may be disbursed  
591 from the field fund.  
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593 **SECTION 5 Health and Welfare Fund:**

594 The FWSA shall establish and maintain a Health and Welfare fund for the use of the FWSA for  
595 those activities deemed of a special nature by the FWSA member clubs, teams or individuals  
596 meeting requirements of financial aid. A two-thirds affirmative vote of a quorum of the FWSA  
597 Board of Directors is required before funds may be disbursed from the Health and Welfare fund.  
598 Funds for the Health and Welfare fund will be acquired by donations, fund raisers, contributions  
599 and "found" money.  
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601 **SECTION 6 Annual Reports:**

602 A written annual report shall be published each year. Such report shall include:

- 603 1. Presidents report  
604 2. Treasurer's report  
605 3. Reports from each standing Committee Director  
606 4. Reports from each member organization.  
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608 The annual report shall be compiled by the Secretary and forwarded to each member  
609 organization no later than thirty days after the Annual General Meeting.  
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611 **SECTION 7 Audit:**

612 The financial books and accounts maintained by the Treasurer shall be audited at the end of  
613 each Treasurer's term, or every two (2) years which ever comes first.  
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615 **Article 12 Fund Raising**

616 **SECTION 1 Fund Raising:**

617 All fund raising activities will comply with the current issue of the Washington State charitable  
618 Solicitations Act, RCW 19.09, as revised. The Association Treasurer will obtain a copy of said  
619 act at the beginning of each fiscal year and provide this information to member organizations.  
620 Member organizations failing to comply with this Article may be charged with misconduct.

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**SECTION 2 Approved Areas of Fund Raising:**

Fund raising by member organizations shall be restricted to the geographic area served by the member organization except as otherwise approved by the Board of Directors. All fund raising shall be undertaken only with prior approval of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 3 Sponsorship:**

No member organization shall approach a sponsor committed to another member organization for the purpose of enticing the sponsor away from the other. Copies of sponsorship agreements will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Association upon execution. The Secretary will compile and maintain up to date records of the Association sponsors.

**Article 13 Insurance:**

**Section 1 Insurance:**

All member organizations are required to purchase athletic insurance provided by the WSYSA. Full particulars regarding insurance coverage's are available through the WSYSA Office and FWSA Insurance Coordinator (WSYSA Representative).

**SECTION 2 Insurance Claims:**

All insurance claims will be coordinated with the WSYSA Representative.

**Article 14 Year**

**SECTION 1 Seasonal Year:**

1. The seasonal year of the club shall begin September 1, and end on August 31, of the following year. Insurance coverage shall be for the same period of time.
2. Team rosters for existing teams will be in effect September 1 through May 1 of the following year, except for teams participating in Regional or national competition.

**Article 15 By-law Amendments**

**SECTION 1 By-law Amendments:**

1. Amendments to these by-laws may be affected at the Annual General Meeting upon affirmative vote of the majority of the accredited delegates.
2. A proposed amendment to the by-laws must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Association not later than forty-five days (45) preceding the Annual General Meeting.

**SECTION 2 By-law Conflicts:**

Any case in which these by-laws are in conflict or become in conflict with the by-laws of the WSYSA, the WSYSA will take precedence, and these by-laws shall be amended at the next Annual General Meeting to eliminate the cause of conflict.

**SECTION 3 Provisional By-laws:**

The Board of Directors, by two-thirds majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors, may, from time to time, make temporary rules or regulations governing specific cases or occasions **not provided for in the existing by-laws**, but which may be necessary for carrying out the purpose and objectives of the Association. Provisional rules that were approved during the season, shall remain in effect only until the next Annual General Meeting and must be submitted for ratification at the next Annual General Meeting for adoption into the by-laws if approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the eligible membership.

**Article 16 Player Registration**

672 **SECTION 1 Player Limitations:**

- 673 1. No player shall be denied the opportunity to participate due to physical and/or mental  
674 limitation.
- 675 2. No player shall be denied the opportunity to participate, due to his/her inability to pay the  
676 registration fee. Each member organization shall make every reasonable effort to  
677 assure that all players under their authority receive the opportunity to participate in the  
678 game of soccer, and thus will register said player as a hardship and allow said player to  
679 participate.

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681 **SECTION 2 Player Registration:**

682 Each member organization must use a player registration form that is approved by the FWSA.  
683 Such form shall include, name, address, telephone number, date of birth, and a signed  
684 emergency medical authorization treatment form.

685 Each team Coach shall be responsible for collecting and submitting to his member organization  
686 or Association's registrars by stated deadlines the following items:

- 687 1. Documented registration for each team member.
- 688 2. Any club registration fees due from each of his team players.
- 689 3. Appropriate proof of age for each of his team players.

690 The following are acceptable documents for proof of age: certified birth certificate, birth  
691 registration issued by an appropriate government agency, Board of Health records, passport,  
692 alien registration card issued by the United States Government, a certificate issued by the  
693 Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age or a certification of an American citizen  
694 born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. Hospital or baptismal or religious  
695 certificates will not be accepted.

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697 **SECTION 3 Player Transfers:**

698 Transfers will be held in accordance with WSYSA guidelines.

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700 **SECTION 4 Residency Changes:**

701 In case of a residency change, a player may not be compelled to transfer from a team of which  
702 he has been a registered member prior to changing residence.

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704 **Article 17 Player Team Assignments**

705 Except as otherwise specified in these by-laws, all players will be assigned to teams based on  
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**SECTION 1 Player Age Definition:**

- U-6 player has not reached 6<sup>th</sup> birthday before August 1.
- U-7 player has not reached 7<sup>th</sup> birthday before August 1.
- U-8 player has not reached 8<sup>th</sup> birthday before August 1.
- U-9 player has not reached 9<sup>th</sup> birthday before August 1.
- U-10 player has not reached 10<sup>th</sup> birthday before August 1.
- U-11 player has not reached 11<sup>th</sup> birthday before August 1.
- U-12 player has not reached 12<sup>th</sup> birthday before August 1.
- U-13 player has not reached 13<sup>th</sup> birthday before August 1.
- U-14 player has not reached 14<sup>th</sup> birthday before August 1.
- U-15 player has not reached 15<sup>th</sup> birthday before August 1.
- U-16 player has not reached 16<sup>th</sup> birthday before August 1.
- U-17 player has not reached 17<sup>th</sup> birthday before August 1.
- U-18 player has not reached 18<sup>th</sup> birthday before August 1.
- U-19 player has not reached 19<sup>th</sup> birthday before August 1.

**SECTION 2 Playing Down:**

As per WSYSA guidelines

**SECTION 3 Overage Players:**

Unless having been granted special permission by the FWSA and the WSYSA due to a physical or mental disability, any team playing a player who is over age according to the above age definitions listed in these by-laws, shall forfeit the game(s) in which such player takes part.

**Article 18 Athletic Policies and Player Participation**

**Section 1 Player Participation:**

Except for disciplinary reasons or illness or injury, every player assigned to a team, who is present and in proper uniform at the game, shall play a portion of all games in which a FWSA registered team participates. Each player has the right to play in every game. For U11 and below: Each player will play 50% of each game, and for U12 and above: It is recommended that each player participate a minimum of ten (10) minutes per half in each game.

**SECTION 2 Try-outs:**

Team try-outs are not allowed until U-11 and above.

**Article 19 Uniform and Equipment**

**SECTION 1 Uniforms and Equipment:**

Shall be in accordance with FIFA rules.

**SECTION 2 Member Organization Colors:**

Member organizations may reserve specific uniform color combinations for their exclusive use. Organizations desiring to take advantage of this option should contact the Association Secretary, and if there is no prior color reservation conflict, the specific color combination thereof will be assigned to the exclusive use of the requesting organization.

**Article 20 Team Sponsorship and Donations**

**SECTION 1 Individual Team Sponsorship and donations:**

Each team may actively seek their own sponsor or donations, and such moneys paid to the team may be used for the team's expenses. All sponsors must be approved by the member Organizations Board of Directors and comply with Article 12 sections 1, 2, and 3 of these by-

758 laws. Donations from individuals through company programs must be used for team expenses if  
759 donor is expecting it to be a tax deduction. Monies cannot be credited to a specific player\_unless  
760 the tax deduction is being waived. Donations from family or friends to a specific player account  
761 are not tax deductible.

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## 763 **Article 21 Team Staff**

### 764 **SECTION 1 Coaches and Staff / WSYSA and WSP Forms:**

765 Each team in FWSA must have a head coach who is at least 18 years of age. Each coach may  
766 choose to have an assistant coach and a team manager. Every individual on each team, who  
767 works with the players MUST complete a Washington State Patrol form and a WSYSA volunteer  
768 form every two (2) years.

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## 770 **Article 22 Rules of Competition**

### 771 **SECTION 1 Organized Teams:**

772 Member Organizations shall organize teams within their various designated age divisions. All  
773 such teams will be registered with the Association Registrar, and all teams so registered will be  
774 organized into leagues and accordingly scheduled games by the Club, Association, District and  
775 State, whichever is appropriate.

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### 777 **SECTION 2 Association Affiliation for Scheduling:**

778 Teams from outside Federal Way Soccer Association may affiliate with the FWSA for  
779 scheduling purposes only. In which case a certificate of insurance must be filed with the FWSA  
780 Secretary by the parent organization of said team. Affiliation fees, if any, will be set annually by  
781 the Board of Directors. All said teams will adhere to the FWSA By-laws.

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### 783 **SECTION 3 Deadlines for Roster Additions:**

784 Each year the Association will establish a date after which time players may not be added to the  
785 roster of any team affiliated with a member organization.

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## 787 **Article 23 Special Game Rules**

### 788 **SECTION 1 Player Participation in Senior Amateur Soccer:**

789 Refer to WSYSA rules.

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## 791 **Article 24 Jamboree, Tournaments, and Cup Games**

792 The control, organization and decisions for conducting jamborees, tournaments and cup games  
793 is vested in the Association. Rules, regulations, schedules, entry fees and so forth, will be  
794 determined on an individual basis depending solely upon participation, timing and requirements  
795 for such competition. The Board of Directors will supervise through special and standing  
796 committees all matters pertaining to such competitions.

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## 798 **Article 25 or new number Awards**

### 799 **Section 1 Karl Grosch Presidents Award**

800 This award Selected by the Association Board and Club Presidents is named after the founder  
801 of Federal Way Soccer and a founding father of United States Youth Soccer. The award is given  
802 to an individual that demonstrates exceptional commitment to the youth soccer community and  
803 the promotion of the game through selfless action and dedication.

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### 805 **Section 2 Gale and June Rhoades Dedication Award**

806 Annual award selected by the Executive Board and presented to an individual or individuals for  
807 outstanding service to the youth of Federal Way as members of FWSA.



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**Article 26 Disciplinary Procedure**

The FWSA Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to discipline any FWSA member, player, coach, or parent whose actions have willfully violated these by-laws, constitution or operating procedures or who's actions are detrimental to the purposes of the FWSA. Penalties may consist of, but are not limited to, warnings, temporary or permanent exclusion from the activities of the FWSA.

A claim of ignorance of these policies, procedures or by-laws shall not be satisfactory grounds for the alteration or waiving of such polices or procedures.

The Association 2nd VP of Administration will follow the WSYSA's most current administrative handbook for all disciplinary matters.

**SECTION 1 Disciplinary Committee:**

1. The Disciplinary Committee shall have sole responsibility for disciplinary recommendations.
2. Any parties' directly/indirectly involved in alleged violation shall not serve on the Disciplinary Committee proceedings.
3. Disciplinary Committee shall be formed from a disciplinary pool and shall consist of a minimum of two (2) non-partisan persons plus the Disciplinary Chair.
4. The Disciplinary Committee shall be formed on an as need basis.
5. The Disciplinary Chair shall vote only in a tie.

**SECTION 2 Cause of Action Filing Requirements:**

Any hearing of a protest, appeal, or allegation of misconduct must be as the result of a properly submitted written cause of action. No hearing or other administrative action shall result from circumstances or charges which are only communicated verbally.

**SECTION 3 Rules of Competition – Protests and Misconduct Filing Procedures:**

Protests are usually related to a specific game or administrative action, and are filed by one of the involved team officials. Only those teams involved are permitted to protest a game result.

Protests must be based upon violation of the published rules of the competition or WSYSA Rules and Regulations or FIFA Laws of the game.

The rights of protest and appeal within the rules of the competition must be exhausted before proceeding to the next level of authority defined within these by-laws.

1. The FWSA Disciplinary Committee will deal with all protests and misconduct reports arising out of competitions conducted by the FWSA. The FWSA 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of Administration will also hear appeals arising from the member organizations Disciplinary and administrative decisions. Appeals from decisions of the hearing body for alleged misconduct having consequences beyond FWSA shall be directed to WSYSA.
2. District III will deal with all protest and misconduct reports arising out of competitions conducted by that District.
3. The WSYSA conduct committee will deal with all misconduct reports arising out of competitions conducted by WSYSA. WSYSA Protests and Appeals will deal with all protests and appeals arising out of competitions conducted by WSYSA.

- 860 4. Any protest must be in regards to the laws of the game. Protesting coach must inform  
861 opposing coach and referee about his intent to protest game BEFORE LEAVING THE  
862 GAME FIELD.  
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- 864 5. Any protest must be submitted in writing, via **CERTIFIED OR REGISTERED MAIL**,  
865 accompanied by a \$50.00 fee (money order or cashiers check only, no personal checks  
866 or cash) to the FWSA 2nd Vice President of Administration, within forty-eight (48) hours  
867 of the event being protested. The fee, less expenses, is refundable if the protest is  
868 upheld, or retained and deposited if the protest is denied.  
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- 870 6. Any protest must be submitted with the following:  
871 a. A SIGNED letter of protest, explaining the exact law or procedure that you feel  
872 was violated, in addition to the specifics of the complaint, i.e. how and by whom it  
873 was allegedly violated.  
874 b. Any supporting documents to support your case making sure they are all signed,  
875 (typed signatures are unacceptable) and contain names and phone numbers for  
876 all parties submitting documents.  
877 c. A statement of the desired resolution.  
878 d. \$50.00 filing fee stated above in item "5".  
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#### **SECTION 4 Filing Procedures for Appeals:**

881 Appeals arise as the result of an adverse decision from a protest hearing, administrative action,  
882 disciplinary hearing, or lower level appeal. Only those parties to the original action, who are  
883 adversely impacted by such decisions, shall be allowed to appeal.  
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885 An appeal shall not have the effect of "staying" a previous ruling. Previous decisions remain in  
886 force, pending the result of the appeal.  
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- 888 1. The FWSA Disciplinary Committee will hear appeals arising from the member  
889 organizations disciplinary and administrative decisions.  
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- 891 2. Any appeal must be submitted via **CERTIFIED OR REGISTERED U.S. MAIL** to the  
892 proper disciplinary authority designated in item "1" above, within forty-eight (48) hours of  
893 the receipt by the appellant of the prior adverse ruling (Sundays and Holidays excluded  
894 unless the rules of the competition state otherwise) and must include the following:  
895 a. A written, signed letter explaining your exact reason for appealing, listing the  
896 exact violation of the laws or procedures.  
897 b. The original document of the protest, appeal or alleged misconduct.  
898 c. All supporting documents (signed) with names and phone numbers of persons  
899 submitting documents.  
900 d. A statement of desired resolution.  
901 e. Filing fee of \$50.00, which will be refunded, less expenses, if your appeal is  
902 upheld, or retained and deposited if the appeal is denied.  
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- 904 3. The appellant must inform the lower disciplinary body of his intent to appeal by sending  
905 the chairman of the lower-level hearing board one (1) copy of the letter of appeal also  
906 within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the lower level ruling. This copy shall be  
907 submitted via **CERTIFIED OR REGISTERED MAIL**.  
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909 Upon such notice, the chairman of the lower level hearing board shall immediately  
910 submit all retained evidence and documentation to the next higher level chairman. This  
911 submittal shall also be by **CERTIFIED OR REGISTERED MAIL**.  
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913 **SECTION 6 General Grievances:**

914 A grievance is a complaint of a general nature, which is not based upon specific rule violations,  
915 or upon a specific administrative decision (or lack of decision). General grievances are not  
916 handled through protest, appeals, or disciplinary hearing processes.

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918 Grievances may be heard on an informal basis by the appropriate competition authority.  
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920 The Member organizations grievances shall be heard by their respective Executive Boards, then  
921 appealed to the FWSA Executive Board.

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923 **SECTION 7 Tribunals:**

924 Upon two-thirds affirmative vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors a Tribunal shall be  
925 appointed by the Board and chaired by the FWSA 2nd VP of Administration, to review the  
926 conduct of an officer. Such Tribunal shall consist of Association members not then serving on  
927 the Board of Directors. Each member organization shall be represented on the Tribunal. The  
928 Tribunal shall serve for thirty calendar days. Upon unanimous vote of the Tribunal, a Special  
929 General Meeting shall be called for the purpose of removing an elected officer from office prior  
930 to the expiration of his term. Upon two-thirds vote of a quorum of accredited delegates at such  
931 a meeting, the office shall be declared vacant, and shall be subsequently filled in accordance  
932 with these by-laws.

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934 **Article 26 Discipline**

935 Coaches and /or staff, players and parents or guardians and spectators of youth soccer games  
936 while playing on or associated with a FWSA or member team may be brought before either the  
937 club, FWSA or WSYSA Disciplinary board, to be reviewed, disciplined or terminated for  
938 committing any of the following

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940 **SECTION 1 Actions deeming disciplinary review/action:**

- 941 1. Conviction of a felony as defined by the revised code of WSYSA.  
942 2. Striking, kicking, or spitting upon a player, or spectator.  
943 3. Directing profane remarks at players, or spectators.  
944 4. Un-sportsman like conduct.  
945 5. Receiving a red or two yellow cards during league or tournament play.  
946 6. Violation of these rules and regulations or decisions of the Club Board.  
947 7. Violation of the Club, FWSA or WSYSA Code (coaches and other) of Ethics.

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949 **SECTION 2 Referee/linesman Abuse and Assault:**

950 This club will have a zero tolerance against referee abuse or assault. Any allegations of abuse  
951 or assault against a game official (referees and linesmen) will be immediately directed to the  
952 WSYSA Board of Protest and Appeals for review and possible disciplinary action. Referee  
953 abuse and assault may be defined as, but not limited to the following:

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955 **ABUSE**

- 956 1. Using foul or abusive language toward a referee or linesman.  
957 2. Spewing any beverage on a referee's personal property.  
958 3. Verbally threatening a referee.  
959 4. Verbal threats or remarks that carry the implied direct threat of physical harm, such as  
960 "I'll get you after the game" or "you won't get out of here in one piece," shall be deemed  
961 referee abuse.  
962 5. Any comments directed, derogatory or not, at the referee, or about the referee, can be  
963 deemed referee abuse. This includes, before and after the game, on and off the field,  
964 including the parking lot.

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**ASSAULT**

1. Hitting, kicking, punching, choking, spitting on or at, grabbing or bodily running into a referee or linesman.
2. Kicking or throwing an object at a referee or linesman that could inflict injury.
3. Damaging a referees uniform or personal property, i.e. car, equipment, flags.
4. Any unwanted physical contact with a referee and/or linesman or his personal property can be deemed referee assault.

**SECTION 3 SPECTATOR CONDUCT:**

In general, the game is to be observed in a manner consistent with a safe physical and emotional environment for the participants. Spectators are expected to conduct themselves accordingly. Smoking or consumption of alcoholic beverages at the game site is prohibited.

Spectators are allowed to watch the game from the middle ½ of the sidelines and shall be no closer than two (2) yards from the touchline. Spectators must remain between the penalty areas.

Spectators shall be dismissed from the game field, by the coach, for flagrant un-sportsman-like infractions including but not limited to: swearing, physical violence or physical or verbal intimidation or degradation of players, coaches, or referees.

The Federal Way Youth Soccer Association allows the coach to drop or suspend a player from a team if the parent or guardian’s behavior is in flagrant violation of the rules of spectator conduct.

**SECTION 4 Disciplinary Hearings:**

Disciplinary hearings result from allegations of misconduct. Such misconduct must be a violation of a published rule, regulation or procedure.

A disciplinary committee shall only hear allegations of misconduct, which are lodged against individuals or entities within the jurisdiction of the convening authority.

Only the elected and or appointed officials of duly constituted clubs, leagues, or tournament committees, or WSYSA administration may bring charges of misconduct. Referees are recognized as officials of such organizations in matters regarding game conduct.

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1002 **Article 27 Coaches Code of Ethics**

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1004 Refer to WSYSA Administrative Handbook rule 608.2 for ethics code.

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