

MARYLAND STATE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT

PROPOSED BY: MSYSA Board of Directors

1. CURRENT BYLAW

Article II- Membership

Section 1. Member Types.

- c. Associate membership in MSYSA, without voting rights, shall be available to other organizations in the state of Maryland who organize, sponsor or stage youth soccer activities or events in the state of Maryland. Personal individual membership may also be extended by the Board of Directors as an honorary membership with no voting rights.

Section 2. Teams.

Any group of seven players or more, under the age of 19 years as defined by USYSA age classifications, shall be deemed an MSYSA youth team when registered with MSYSA.

Section 3. Clubs.

Member clubs shall be private or public organizations comprised of youth soccer teams, either travel or recreation. All players participating in MSYSA activities will be registered with MSYSA and all soccer players in the club will register either with MSYSA or another USSF member organization. All clubs with more than 3 travel teams, or 50 recreational players are required to affiliate directly with MSYSA as a member club or league. All member clubs and leagues shall register annually all of their MSYSA players, coaches, teams, and administrators with MSYSA.

II. HOW THE BYLAW WOULD BE CHANGED

Article II- Membership

Section 1. Member Types.

- c. Associate membership in MSYSA, without voting rights, shall be available to other organizations in the state of Maryland who organize, sponsor or stage youth, or adult

soccer activities or events in the state of Maryland. Personal individual membership may also be extended by the Board of Directors as an honorary membership with no voting rights.

Section 2. Teams.

Any group of seven players or more, under the age of 19 years as defined by USYSA age classifications, shall be deemed an MSYSA youth team when registered with MSYSA. All other groups of players shall be an adult team when registered with MSYSA.

Section 3. Clubs.

Member clubs shall be private or public organizations comprised of youth soccer teams, either travel or recreation, adult soccer teams, or both. All players participating in MSYSA activities will be registered with MSYSA and all soccer players in the club will register either with MSYSA or another USSF member organization. All clubs with more than 3 adult teams, travel teams, or 50 recreational players are required to affiliate directly with MSYSA as a member club or league. All member clubs and leagues shall register annually all of their MSYSA players, coaches, teams, and administrators with MSYSA.

III. RATIONALE

This will permit MSYSA to further serve member clubs/leagues by allowing for the registering (i.e., carding and rostering) of adult children who may be home from college on winter or summer break, and who desire to continue playing soccer with their club, for example.