

# SAY NORTH CONSTITUTION

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## ARTICLE I

The name of the organization shall be known as SAY North.

## ARTICLE II

The purpose of the organization is to provide for the boys and girls living in the geographical areas bounded by the following:

Loveland Public School District  
Mason Public School District  
Lakota Public School District, Union Township  
Lakota Public School District, Liberty Township

A quality soccer program in affiliation with S.A.Y. Soccer USA, Inc. to develop and encourage sportsmanship among its members and players for the betterment of their physical and social well-being.

## ARTICLE III

This organization shall be affiliated with the Soccer Association for Youth, USA, an Ohio corporation, and shall be governed by and shall comply with the principles, rules and regulations enunciated and decreed by the Soccer Association for Youth, USA.

## ARTICLE IV

This organization shall have the following powers in addition to the powers expressly or implicitly conferred on it by law:

1. To make and enforce rules and regulations to govern itself on a local basis but consistent with and not contrary to the rules and regulations promulgated by the Soccer Association for Youth, USA, to which this organization is subject.
2. To set fees, solicit sponsors and contributions, receive gifts and devices from any person, firm, or corporation; and to administer such funds on behalf of the organization.
3. To enter into contracts and to hold property.

## ARTICLE V

Membership into the organization is granted to one District Representative from each playing district having a minimum of five registered fall season, non-preschool teams. The privilege of membership is the entitlement to voting rights for all franchise business. Each member shall receive, for a given calendar year, one (1) vote for each non-preschool team, which has been registered within SAY USA, during the prior calendar year. In no case, shall any one district cast more than forty-nine (49) percent of the total available votes within the franchise.

## ARTICLE VI

The governing body of the organization shall be the Board of Directors. Said board may accept such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of the organization, as it may deem proper that are not in conflict with the rules and regulations of the Soccer Association for Youth, USA. The Board of Directors shall consist of the following:

- Officers – President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Referee Coordinator
- District representatives – One per playing district as defined above

## ARTICLE VII

The officers of the organization shall be elected by the members and shall be the Executive Committee. Nominees for offices need not be members of the Board of Directors.

The officers will serve two-year alternating terms with the President and Treasurer being elected on even years and the Vice President, Secretary and Referee Coordinator being elected on odd years.

If an executive vacancy occurs on the board, the majority of the existing membership votes shall elect a replacement within a reasonable length of time. If a representative vacancy occurs, the affected district will be asked to appoint a suitable replacement within a reasonable amount of time.

Any member or officer may be removed from office or the board for actions that are deemed detrimental to the organization by a two-thirds vote of the existing membership votes.

Officers shall be elected at the January meeting and will assume office at the March meeting.

## ARTICLE VIII

Regular meetings will be held on the third Thursday of January, March, June, August and November. The starting time of the meeting shall be 7:30 p.m. Special meetings may be called on the request of any member. Notice of special meetings shall be given to each member at least seventy-two hours prior to the meeting.

A simple majority of the existing membership votes shall constitute a quorum for a regular meeting. For special meetings, two-thirds of the existing membership votes shall constitute a quorum.

All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

## ARTICLE IX

The organization shall operate under the Organizational and Playing rules of the Soccer Association for Youth, USA, as exists under the then current rules book published by that organization. Any modification to the then current rulebook of the Soccer Association for Youth, USA, shall require a two-thirds vote of the existing membership votes.

## ARTICLE X

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the existing membership votes. Any such amendment shall be presented at one meeting and voted on at the next meeting.

## BYLAWS

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### I. Duties of the Board of Directors

#### A. District Representatives

1. Each member of the Board of Directors shall carry out his or her duties in a spirit of cooperation, keeping in mind that the program belongs to our youth.
2. He or she should use his own initiative in fulfilling his responsibilities as District representative.
3. All members are required to attend the meetings of the Board and vote on behalf of their district.
4. Keep the district organization informed of the activities of the franchise as it relates to tournaments, clinics, rule changes, etc.

#### B. President

1. Uphold and enforce the constitution of SAY North.
2. Coordinate and represent the entire program
3. Conduct meetings of the Board of Directors on a regular basis and make sure jobs are being done. Call special meetings of the Board as deemed necessary.
4. Assist in selecting people to fill non-elected positions on the Board as the Board defines these positions.
5. Assist in registration and draft.

#### C. Vice-President

1. In the event of the President's absence or disability, the vice-president shall preside and carry out the duties of the president.
2. The vice-president shall assist in registration and monitor drafts as required.
3. He or she shall also be the president's liaison to all committees and shall report to the president.

#### D. Secretary

1. The secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Board.
2. The secretary shall give notice of all meetings when directed by the President.
3. The secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence as directed by the president and board of directors
4. Shall send letters of application to all sponsors and patrons.

#### E. Treasurer

1. The treasurer shall collect all funds due the organization and make disbursements for payments of all obligations as authorized by the Boards.
2. The treasurer shall keep a suitable set of books and shall submit statements to the Board at each meeting and a year-end statement covering all receipts and expenditures and a balance sheet.

#### F. Referee Coordinator

1. The referee coordinator is responsible for the overseeing the acquisition of referees for the program.
2. The referee coordinator is responsible for coordination of referee training clinics using the SAY rulebook and referee handbook as guides.
3. He or she shall report to the president any action by a player, coach or assistant coach that has resulted in a protest or possible disciplinary action.

#### G. Executive Committee

1. The executive committee is responsible for conducting business on behalf of the Board of Directors between regularly scheduled meetings.
2. The executive committee shall keep minutes of all actions taken and shall present these minutes to the board at the next meeting.
3. All actions taken by the executive committee are subject to approval of the full board of directors.

#### H. Protest Committee

1. A protest committee shall be formed and shall consist of one certified referee from each member district and the franchise president as a non-voting member.
2. The protest committee shall hear all inter-district protests and decide the protest by a majority vote. In the case of a tie vote, the president shall cast the deciding vote.
3. The protest committee shall report the results of all protests heard at the next meeting of the board.

## I. Discipline

1. The board shall formulate a Code of Conduct for all players, coaches and spectators, which shall include infractions and minimum penalties, which shall be enforced.