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40 **Bylaw 101 MSA Council**

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42 **1. Members:** MSA shall be administered and operated by a Council of elected
43 officers as specified herein. The Council shall consist of the President, First Vice-President,
44 Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Fourth Vice-President, Registrar, Treasurer,
45 Secretary, who are eight (8) statewide officers elected by the membership's Annual General
46 Meeting (AGM) delegates; the State Referee Administrator, who is appointed by the
47 President; four District Directors, who are elected by their district member's AGM delegates;
48 and the Immediate Past President as an exofficio member.

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50 The Executive Council members are the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice
51 President, Third Vice President, Fourth Vice President, Registrar, Treasurer, Secretary, who
52 are eight (8) statewide officers elected by the membership's Annual General Meeting (AGM)
53 delegate and State Referee Administrator, who is appointed by the President.

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55 **2. Voting Policies:** The Council practices will ensure that:

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57 **a.** Each member may cast one vote in all properly presented and considered matters.
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59 **b.** Each member may advocate, represent a member's views, and/or vote on a proposed
60 resolution to any member grievance that must be resolved by the Council. However, a
61 member must abstain from acting on behalf of their organization and voting on the
62 resolution motion for any grievance involving their own organization.
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64 **c.** Except where designated differently in the Constitution and these By-
65 Laws, All matters are determined by a majority vote of the meeting quorum (for the
66 Council nine (9) members present and for the Executive Council six (6) members
67 present. Policy changes require a two-thirds vote of the entire Council and must be by
68 ballot vote.
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70 **d.** The Executive Council members shall have no voting alternate at any MSA meetings.

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72 **3. Authority:** The Council shall have the authority to:

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74 **a.** Transact all business of this Association.
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76 **b.** Delegate its authority to such person or persons whom it may determine should
77 accomplish one or more of its delegated responsibilities.
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79 **c.** Enforce the Constitution, By-Laws, and Administrative rules or policies of the USSF,
80 USASA, U.S. Youth Soccer, and MSA.
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82 **d.** Arrange games of any nature whatsoever in its own name, and to that end, it may
83 request the memberships support and/or their affiliated organizations and personnel.
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85 **e.** Create and manage the establishment of special funds such as injured players, trips,
86 and/or any organization that it may deem expedient for the welfare of The Game. This
87 authority may be delegated to others under the direction of the Council.
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89 f. Suspend, expel, and/or impose such fines or penalties upon any organization and/or
90 person under its jurisdiction who violates or breaches the Constitution, By-laws, and
91 Administrative Rules of USSF, USASA, U.S. Youth Soccer, and/or MSA

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93 g. Settle all disputes between two or more MSA Members.

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95 h. Make the final decision on all controversial matters subject to the U.S. Youth Soccer
96 and USASA, USSF Appeals and Decisions Process.

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98 i. May bestow the title of Honorary President upon any person who has performed
99 meritorious service to MSA. The Council may vest in that person such rights and
100 privileges as it deems appropriate. This individual will have one vote at the MSA Annual
101 General Meeting, or any other matter brought before the full membership, provided this
102 person has served MSA on either a Local, State, Regional or National level for a period of
103 at least ten (10) years.

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105 j. Evaluate whether a Full Member is servicing its territory in accordance with its
106 membership obligation.

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108 k. Review annually to determine if sub-pools of small communities, cities, counties,
109 extreme geography, schools or neighbor hoods are sufficient and viable to be
110 encouraged to seek full membership.

111 112 **4. Limitations on Authority:** The Council shall not have the following authority:

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114 a. To remove any affiliated organization officer. This authority is vested in the
115 organizations membership.

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117 b. To interfere in the financial matters of any affiliated organization except with regards
118 to MSA annual dues, MSA player registration fees, special financial commitments, and
119 the levying of fines.

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121 c. To interfere with an affiliated organization's structure and operation except in matters
122 relating to discipline and in matters that are contrary to USSF, USASA, U.S. Youth
123 Soccer, and MSA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, and Policies.

124 125 126 **Bylaw 102 MSA Officers**

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128 **1. Term of Office:** All officers shall hold office for two years or until their successors have been
129 elected and qualified. They shall take office as of September 1 of the next seasonal year after
130 their election at the AGM. The President, Second-Vice President, Fourth Vice President,
131 Treasurer, Secretary, Northern District Director, and Southern District Director shall be elected
132 at the odd year AGM to their two-year terms. The First Vice-President, Third Vice President,
133 Registrar, Central District Director, and Western District Director shall be elected at the even
134 year AGM to their two-year terms. The State Referee Administrator, as appointed by the
135 currently elected President shall also serve as an officer Any elected officer, who must vacate
136 their office temporarily during the Seasonal Year, may assume the position's duties from their
137 duly appointed successor at the end of the temporary period.

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- 139 **2. Election of Officers:** The Executive Council and the four District Directors shall be elected
140 in the following manner. All elected individuals may be a member of any Full Membership
141 organization in good standing and must receive a majority of the cast votes.
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- 143 **a.** Any individuals who wish to run for any MSA Council Office shall submit such notice to
144 MSA by doing so using the "Notice of Intent to Seek Election" form on the MSA website
145 or by certified mail or commercial delivery service where a signature is required, by 4:00
146 P.M., 45 days prior to the MSA Annual General Meeting.
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- 148 **b.** The entire membership shall elect the Executive Council by secret ballot.
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- 150 **c.** The member organizations of each district shall elect their District Director by secret
151 ballot.
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- 153 **d.** No duly elected MSA Executive Council officer may hold a voting position on the Board
154 of Directors of a local organization. The newly elected or re-elected officer must
155 relinquish his/her current local board position before assuming the duties of the MSA
156 Executive Council Office.
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- 158 **3. Removal from Office:** Any elected or appointed Council member who misses three (3)
159 regularly scheduled Council meetings in a seasonal year shall be automatically removed from
160 office. Further, any member may be impeached and removed from office by seventy-five (75%)
161 percent of the total MSA members-in-good standing.
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- 163 **4. Officer Duties:** Each officer shall accomplish the tasks described in the following Sections.
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- 165 **5. Vacancy:** The President shall appoint with the Executive approval shall appoint a temporary
166 successor for any vacant officers' position except the President, until the next general
167 membership business meeting when the membership shall fill the position in the manner
168 prescribed for officer elections.
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Bylaw 103 MSA President

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- 172 **1. The President shall:**
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- 174 **a.** Preside at all MSA meetings.
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- 176 **b.** Pass upon and approve all incurred MSA bills.
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- 178 **c.** Appoint with Executive Council approval, all MSA non-elected MSA Council positions,
179 committees, and Appeal boards with the goal of equitable representation among the
180 member organizations. The President shall inform Member organizations of openings and
181 request member organizations to nominate individuals to serve in such positions,
182 committees and Appeal Board decisions. The President shall be required to appoint from
183 the nominations received. The President shall attempt to diversify appointments among
184 Members. This appointee shall serve at the will of the President and Executive Council.
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- 187 **d.** Serve as an ex officio member of all appointed MSA committees and Appeal boards.
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- 189 **e.** Serve as or appoint to all Association Committees a nonvoting ex officio member.

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191 **f.** Have access to all member organization meetings.
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193 **g.** Serve as the MSA delegate to all U.S. Youth Soccer, USASA and USSF meetings
194 unless he/she chooses to appoint an alternate delegate due to the inability to fulfill the
195 obligation.
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197 **h.** Be responsible for the State Office operation and personnel.
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199 **i.** May vote as any other member when the vote is by ballot. In all other instances, the
200 President shall abstain from voting and only cast his vote in order to break a tie. The
201 President's voting powers are established as an exception to Chapter XIII §44. Bases for
202 Determining a Voting Result practices outlined in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised
203 10th Edition.
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Bylaw 104 MSA Vice President – Division III

1. The Vice President for Division III shall:

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210 **a.** Assume the duties of the President in his/her absence.
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212 **b.** Administer Division III business, which includes, but is not limited to:
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214 **c.** Promoting the growth of recreational soccer in Mississippi
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216 **d.** Development of Soccer Start and TopSoccer Programs
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218 **e.** Organization and direction of MSA sponsored Division III Tournaments, Cups, and
219 Games except those specifically the responsibility of other vice-presidents and the
220 District Directors
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Bylaw 105 MSA Vice President – Division II

1. The Vice President for Division II shall:

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228 **a.** Assume the duties of the President in the absence of both the President and the First
229 Vice President.
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231 **b.** Administer Division II business, which includes, but is not limited to:
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233 **c.** Development of All-Star and Intermediate level soccer in Mississippi
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235 **d.** Oversee MSA teams involvement in the Mississippi State Games
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237 **e.** Serve as State Representative to the USYS Regional and National Directors Cup
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239 f. Organization and direction of MSA sponsored Division II Tournaments, Cups, and
240 Games except those specifically the responsibility of other vice-presidents and the
241 District Directors.
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Bylaw 106 MSA Vice President – Division I

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1. The Vice President for Division I shall:

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a. Assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President and the First and Second Vice Presidents.

b. Serves as the State Representative to USYS Region III for Mississippi.

c. Organization and direction of the MSA sponsored Division I Tournaments, Cups, and Games.

d. Organization and management of the MSA Division I League play according to Division I League rules.

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Bylaw 107 MSA Vice President – Division IV

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1. The Vice President for Adults shall:

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a. Assume the duties of the President in the absence of the presidents and the First, Second and Third Vice Presidents.

b. Approval of Adult Events.

c. Organization and direction of the MSA sponsored Adult Tournaments, Cups, and Games.

e. Organization and management of the MSA Adult League play according to USASA Rules.

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Bylaw 108 MSA – Registrar

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1. The Registrar shall:

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a. Administer all USSF, USASA, U.S. Youth Soccer, and MSA rules and regulations for player registration.

b. Maintain records and detailed reports on the number of player registrations.

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- 288 c. Respond to all routine correspondence about MSA registration matters.
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290 d. Serve as the Registrar for all MSA sponsored tournaments.
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292 e. Accomplish all required MSA approval/disapproval actions on all player registration
293 related actions such as player passes, player releases, player transfers, player drops,
294 etc., unless this authority is also delegated to the staff in the State Office.
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296 f. Upon receipt of an organization's registration materials, the registrar shall review
297 those materials for any errors, omissions or violations of MSA registration policies and
298 procedures. The registrar shall advise the organization of any errors, omissions or
299 violations in a timely manner so as to allow the organization to correct those errors,
300 omissions or violations. This may include but is not limited to:
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302 1. Divisional Assignments
303 2. Team balance variations
304 3. Other alleged violations
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Bylaw 109 MSA – Treasurer

1. The Treasurer shall:

- 310 a. Keep records on all MSA property.
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312 b. Maintain a detailed accounting of income and expenditures thereof.
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314 c. Deposit all funds upon receipt into the established MSA accounts.
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316 d. Prepare a complete financial report for all MSA Business and Council Meetings.
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318 e. Sign all MSA checks with a co-signature of the President, Executive Director or
319 Secretary-Registrar. If bonded, the Treasurer is the only required signature.
320 f. Help prepare the annual MSA budget.
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322 g. Maintain all records/reports for MSA funded clinics.
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324 h. Respond to all routine correspondence about MSA financial matters.
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326 i. Serve as an MSA Tournament Official when required.
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Bylaw 110 Secretary

1. The Secretary shall:

- 330 a. Shall record and transcribe the minutes of all MSA and Council minutes and advise
331 the MSA Executive Director on distributing those minutes.
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- 337 **b.** Minutes shall be sent to the MSA Council, at a minimum, within one week of the
338 conclusion of the meeting.
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- 340 **c.** Redacted Highlights shall be provided to the MSA staff for posting on the MSA
341 website
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- 343 **d.** Serve as the recording Secretary for all MSA Discipline and Appeals Hearings
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- 345 **e.** Serve as an MSA Tournament Official when required
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Bylaw 111 State Referee Administrator

1. The State Referee Administrator, who shall be a member of USSF and USYS, shall:

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- 352 **a.** Plan, implement and supervise the state referee committee meetings, and ensures
353 compliance with the National Programs for Referee Development within the state.
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- 355 **b.** Appoint individuals to State Referee Committee positions and subcommittees.
- 356 **c.** Maintain close communications and consults with members of the State Referee
357 Committee.
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- 359 **d.** Review all State Referee Committee Reports and short and long range planning by
360 technical directors, and insure that required reports are submitted in a timely
361 manner.
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- 363 **e.** Set Referee Meetings schedule and establishes the agenda
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- 365 **f.** Preside over Meetings of the State Referee Committee
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- 367 **g.** Carry out the mission of the National Programs for Referee Development within the
368 State. Serve as liaison between the National Referee Department Office, the National
369 Referee Committee and the State Association(s).
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- 371 **h.** Ensure that the State Referee Committee sponsored clinics are provided in a fair and
372 equitable manner, wherever the most impact may occur.
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- 374 **i.** Respond to all routine correspondence about Referee matters.
- 375
- 376 **j.** Serve as an MSA Tournament Official when required
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Bylaw 112 MSA – District Directors

2. Each District Director in their district shall:

381 Be responsible for all MSA related soccer activities except those specifically the responsibility of
382 the State Association. These responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

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- 386 **a.** Providing information, guidance, and assistance to district members.
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- 388 **b.** Developing new programs.
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390 **c.** Organizing and conducting the Division III District Tournaments.
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392 **d.** Organizing and conducting the MSA funded district coaching and referee training
393 clinics. This planning includes a minimum of thirty (30) day advanced written notification
394 of each free MSA Referee clinic in the playing districts during the seasonal year.
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396 **e.** Promoting MSA programs and events.
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398 **g.** Representing their district interests on the Council.
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400 **h.** Annually reviewing Division III assignment method(s) of district member
401 organizations, verifying that no changes have been made to the original MSA-approved
402 assignment methods.
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404 **i.** Annually review and approve, in conjunction with the MSA Registrar (or MSA
405 Registrar's designee), sub-pool request(s) to evaluate the reason, justification and need
406 for deviations from normal MSA team assignment methods mandated for the MSA
407 Recreational Programs. Sub-pool(s) shall not be automatically renewed and must be
408 requested and approved prior to formation of teams each year using the appropriate
409 request form. Member organizations shall be notified within ten (10) days of receipt of
410 sub-pool requests whether or not such sub-pool request is approved or denied. Approval
411 and/or denial of sub-pool requests shall be presented by each District Director to the
412 MSA Council at the next regularly scheduled MSA Council Meeting for confirmation.
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414 **j.** Have the flexibility to choose the playing format best suited to that district's
415 requirements (bracket play, double elimination, round robin, and/or single elimination).
416 No cross-bracket games will be scheduled in the tournament except semifinal games.
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418 **k.** Shall exercise authority to the limits of the granted authority. This granted authority
419 is not absolute since the membership has vested absolute authority in the Council.
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Bylaw 113 MSA – Meetings

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424 **1. Annual General Meeting:** This meeting shall be held annually in January. The purpose of
425 this meeting shall be informational, training, adoption of proposals; election of officers, awards,
426 and other such business as may be approved by the Executive Council.
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428 **2. Location:** The Annual General Meeting shall be bid out to a member club to insure
429 maximum exposure of Mississippi Soccer to all members, while at the same time keeping costs
430 as low as possible. The Executive Council shall make the final decision based upon costs and
431 best business practices. Organizations should submit their bid to MSA 180 days prior to the
432 upcoming Annual General Meeting.
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434 **3. Registration of Voting Delegates:** Each Member Organization will register its primary and
435 alternate voting delegates to the Annual General Meeting with the MSA Secretary- Registrar no
436 later than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. The primary delegate will be responsible for
437 duplicating and distributing additional copies of information relative to the meeting for their

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438 local organization to review and consider prior to the meeting. No member may vote for more
439 than one organization.

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441 **4. Special Meetings:** This type meeting may be called at any time by the President or upon
442 written demand of one third (1/3) or more of the total membership in good standing. The MSA
443 President shall call any properly demanded membership meeting within two weeks of receipt of
444 the mandatory registered demand letter legibly signed by at least the required number of
445 members as required by the total number of members in good standing organizations.

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447 **5. Conference Call Meetings:** The President may authorize the Calling of Council or
448 Committee Meetings through the use of a recognized reputable teleconferencing company for
449 the purpose of handling urgent matters in an expedient manner.

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451 **6. Meeting Policies:** All meetings shall conform to the following policies except for the
452 appointment of a Parliamentarian.

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454 **a.** The Secretary shall give written notice to all concerned parties. In the case of a
455 Special Meeting, its specified purpose shall be embodied in the required notice, and no
456 other matter shall be considered at the meeting.
457 **b.** The President or a majority of the Council may allow guests to attend and/or speak to
458 them.
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460 **c.** The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order will be used to conduct them.
461
462 **d.** The President will appoint a Parliamentarian for the Annual General Meeting to serve
463 as an advisor on the application of Robert's Rules of Order.

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465 **7. The following order of business shall be followed at all regular meetings of the**
466 **Association and the Council.**

- 467 **a.** Roll Call
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469 **b.** Minutes of the Previous Meeting
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471 **c.** Communications
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473 **d.** Report of the President and Other Council Members
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475 **e.** Financial Report of the Treasurer including Budget Approval
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477 **f.** Reports of Other Committees
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479 **g.** Organizational Reports
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481 **h.** Unfinished Business
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483 **i.** New Business

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486 **8. Quorum:** A quorum at any general membership meeting (AGM or specialcalled meeting of
487 the membership) shall be fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of allmembers in good standing and
488 eligible to vote on any issue. A quorum of theCouncil shall be nine (9) members present and for
489 the Executive Council six (6) members present.

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Bylaw 114 Revisions to the Constitution, Bylaws and Policies

1. The Rules and Revisions Committee: is a Standing Committee of the MSA in accordance with the MSA Bylaws. The Committee will be appointed by the President and shall consist of a Chairperson and a representative from each District. The Committee will review and make a recommendation on each proposal to be presented to the Annual General Meeting prior to the submission of the proposal for consideration by the membership at the Annual General Meeting, or if to policies; prior to the regularly scheduled Council Meeting. The Committee is empowered to submit its own proposals to the Annual General meeting and Council.

2. Revisions to the Constitution, Bylaws and Policies:
The Constitution and Bylaws shall only be changed by the membership at the annual General Meeting of the MSA. All other rules and regulations shall be deemed as "policies" and shall require a two thirds majority of the MSA Council to be changed. Members may propose revisions to policies through the Rules and Revisions process.

3. Revision Proposals: All Revision proposals must be submitted in compliance with these established procedures. Any submitted proposal, which does not meet the process requirements, shall not be considered by the Rules and Revisions Committee and the AGM delegates, or for policies; by the Council.

4. The proposals may be submitted by the following groups of the Association:
Member Organizations, Executive Council Members, District Directors, Ex-Officio Council Members, Executive Director, Immediate Past President, Youth Referee Administrator, State Youth Coach, Insurance Coordinator, ODP Program Administrators and Standing MSA Committees.

5. Revision Proposal Form: Proposals must be submitted online using the official proposal cover sheet, which must be completed in its entirety. Incomplete forms will not be considered. Additional documentation must be uploaded to the e-org system. Each proposed change must be inserted into the appropriate portion of the manual. Such changes must be clearly identified, i.e., italicized, underlined or placed in brackets. If the proposed change contradicts, affects or modifies any other portion of the manual, a copy of such affected portions shall be likewise attached and the affected portions are identified in the same manner.

6. Due Date: All proposals must be uploaded before 4:00 PM 45 days prior to the General Meeting, 30 days prior to an MSA Council Meeting. Proposals received after 4:00 PM CST, will not be considered by the Committee, or the Annual General Meeting, or Council.

7. Committee Meeting: The Committee Chairperson will distribute a copy of each proposal to each Committee Member within five (5) days after the cutoff date. The Committee will convene not later than twenty five (25) days prior to the Annual General Meetings to jointly develop a Committee recommendation to the membership at the AGM, or 10 days prior to the MSA Council Meeting.

8. Proposal Distribution: The Committee will mail a copy of each proposal, including the Committee's recommendation, to all registered delegates and to the MSA Council not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the AGM, or 5 days prior to the MSA Council Meeting.

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Bylaw 115 Discipline and Appeals

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543 **1. Objectives:** The objective of the MSA disciplinary and protest process is to equitably and
544 justly consider and resolve every properly filed disciplinary and protest action at the lowest
545 possible level of MSA while protecting the rights of the involved individuals and/or member
546 organizations. In order to achieve this objective, MSA shall:

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548 **a.** Require the existence of Disciplinary and Protest Committees at the Organizational
549 and State level with specified responsibilities to conduct Administrative Disciplinary
550 and/or Protest Hearings for appropriate actions and/or protests as outlined herein. Such
551 actions and/or protests do not include the defined automatic violations and/or penalties
552 contained in these bylaws.

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554 **b.** Have appropriate and equitable membership at each level of established Discipline
555 and Protest Committees.

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557 **c.** Ensure a documented fair and impartial hearing and resolution process for each level
558 of Discipline and Protest Committees. This process is operated by these by-laws and in
559 no way should be construed as to following any Local, State or Federal Judicial process
560 or standards.

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562 **d.** Maintain an equitable and timely documented appeals process for an individual, team,
563 and/or organization who is adversely affected by a decision of the next lower level
564 Discipline and Protest Committee. The decision and/or imposed penalties are in full force
565 and binding on all interested parties until overruled by the next higher level of the
566 established Discipline and Protest Appeal Committee structure.

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568 **e.** Require an individual, team, and/or organization to exhaust all administrative
569 remedies through USSF before pursuing legal action. A violation of this requirement shall
570 constitute an immediate and automatic expulsion from MSA of the party instituting the
571 legal action personally or through an attorney. Any expelled or removed party:

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573 **1.** Shall forfeit all moneys paid to MSA as liquidated damages for committing the
574 act which led to expulsion, removal, or cancellation of MSA membership.

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576 **2.** May apply for reinstatement at any time as provided in these Bylaws.

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578 **f.** Require the pursuit of all administrative remedies regardless of the circumstances
579 including the existence of a serious emergency situation which threatens irreparable
580 injury to the party; the lack of adequate time to exhaust the prescribed administrative
581 remedies; and/or any other reason.

Bylaw 116 Discipline and Appeals Committees

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586 **1. Discipline and Protest Committees** shall adhere to the following operational policies.

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588 **2. An Organizational Committee shall:**

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590 **a.** Consist of any individual organizational members.

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592 **b.** Only act on all appropriate disciplinary cases and protests which involve only their
593 members and teams.

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595 **c.** Establish and follow a written operating process which implements all MSA established
596 meeting policies and all MSA established Discipline and Appeal procedures within the
597 MSA Bylaws and Policies.

598 599 **3. The MSA Disciplinary/Appeals Committee shall:**

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601 **a.** Include an MSA President appointed Chairperson, a member appointed by the
602 Committee Chairman, from each political district; the State Youth Coach, and the State
603 Youth Referee Administrator. Each committee member shall have full participatory rights
604 and one vote in all matters except any action involving their own team. The Chairperson
605 shall only vote to break a tie vote of the committee or to constitute a committee
606 quorum. A simple majority vote of at least five committee members is sufficient to take
607 action on any considered matter.

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609 **b.** Act on all appropriate disciplinary cases and protests, which involve any MSA member
610 organizations and their teams. This responsibility includes serving as the State appeals
611 level for the initial action committee for any matter which cannot be handled at the
612 Organizational Committee. This includes all reported occurrences of Referee abuse, or
613 misconduct at any MSA sanctioned event when multiple districts or other States
614 organizations are involved.

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616 **c.** Determine the final MSA resolution on all matters, which are not subject to the U.S.
617 Youth Soccer Association and USSF appeals process. The State Committee's decision on
618 any matter subject to the U.S. Youth Soccer and USSF appeals process may be appealed
619 to the MSA Council, who shall make the final Statewide resolution decision subject to the
620 USSF appeal process.

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622 **d.** Follow the MSA committee operating procedures found in the MSA Policies manual.
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625 **Bylaw 117 MSA Administration**

626 627 **1. This Association shall abide by the following operating policies.**

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629 **a.** The reimbursement of Council and MSA Committee members official business
630 expenses if MSA funds warrant it.

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632 **b.** A majority of voting Full Members shall constitute a quorum to conduct MSA business.
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634 **c.** This Association's dissolution for any reason shall result in its assets distribution in
635 accordance with the MSA charter.

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637 **d.** Where a club has more than one team, the word "club" shall be replaced with the
638 word "team" in the Constitution, ByLaws, and Policies.

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640 **e.** The Council shall determine the extent of the Treasurer's, President's and Executive
641 Directors' bond.
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643 f. This Association may establish and maintain a mandatory statewide and/or member
644 organization disciplinary reporting system for any or all games played in any or all MSA
645 levels of competition. Member organizations shall fulfill all of their responsibilities for all
646 such established systems. The format and requirements for each level of competition's
647 reporting system must be approved by the Annual General Meeting delegates prior to
648 implementation of such a reporting system.

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650 g. A bonafide member of concerned MSA organizations shall not participate in the
651 decision-making process of a MSA dispute, claim, protest, or appeal. The decision
652 making process includes the deliberations and votes of the MSA responsible resolution
653 body.
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655 **2. Audit Policy:** The MSA financial records will be audited annually after the close of the
656 Seasonal Year on August 31st. This audit may be accomplished by either an employed
657 independent auditor or an auditing committee of three (3) members under the direction of the
658 President. Regardless of the selected auditor option, the audit shall include all records and
659 require the submission of a written report and recommendations. The Treasurer shall distribute
660 the audit to the organizational members.
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662 **3. Penalties, Debts, and Assessments:** Any organizational debt to the Association shall be
663 paid within fifteen (15) days of such notification. Any member who fails to comply with this
664 time deadline shall forfeit its membership until the next AGM.
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666 **4. Benefit Game for The Association:** MSA may designate certain date(s) for the playing of a
667 benefit game(s) for any worthwhile purpose. On such an occasion, all MSA players, teams,
668 clubs, leagues, or organizations shall be at the disposal of this Association. No player or team
669 may participate in any other game on such date, except as may be authorized by this
670 Association. Any violator of this rule, except individual players, shall be fined fifty dollars
671 (\$50.00). A selected player for such a game, who fails to comply without good cause, shall be
672 suspended for six (6) months.
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674 **5. Operating Procedures:** The normal MSA operating procedures will be described in the
675 Administrative Manual which will be reviewed and updated at least annually. If information in
676 the Administrative Manual conflicts with the MSA, U.S. Youth Soccer, or USSF Constitution,
677 ByLaws, and/or Administrative Policies, these documents will take precedent over the Policy
678 Manual.
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680 **6. Enforcement of Other States' Actions:** This Association shall recognize suspensions and
681 other rulings of all USSF and U.S. Youth Soccer sanctioned organizations when it receives
682 official notification of such action.
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684 **7. Tournaments:** The Council shall have the authority to determine the site and structure for
685 all MSA sponsored tournaments. If it chooses District Playoffs to precede State Tournaments, it
686 may determine the "playing" districts for all teams. These "playing" districts may not always be
687 the same as the Political Districts used for the selection of the District Directors.
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689 **8. Standing Committees:** The President with Council approval shall appoint three standing
690 committees, that shall serve at the will of the MSA President and the Executive Council. They
691 are the Protest and Disciplinary Appeals Committee, the Rules and Revisions Committee and
692 the Bylaws and Policies Committee. The Council may create additional committees as it deems
693 necessary.

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9. Player's Right: Neither this Association nor any member may prevent any high school student from MSA participation because the individual is playing a school sport, i.e., soccer or any other school played sport.

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10. Meeting Reports: This Association shall distribute a Highlights Report of all MSA meetings (AGM, Council, Executive Council, and all Committee) to the member organization's official mailing address within sixty (60) days of the meeting date. They shall be marked "approved" or "unapproved".

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11. Game Permission: The MSA Council must approve all games played in Mississippi except National Amateur, US Youth Soccer National Championships, and International games. A hosting organization for an interstate game must request Council approval in writing.

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12. Automatic Disciplinary Actions: The Council may automatically discipline a club (a one team organization) or team which violates established MSA policies within the prescribed disciplinary action(s). They have established the following penalties for the stated violations.

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a. Any team playing nonaffiliated teams without MSA permission following Council notification of this team's status may be fined up to fifty dollars (\$50.00).

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b. Any team who plays knowingly against suspended teams or clubs may be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00).

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c. A team or club who knowingly uses a suspended player or players may be fined up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each such player and shall forfeit every game in which the player or players participated.

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d. A team that competes in any tournament in a competition classification lower than the actual competition class or Division of which that team is formed, without the knowledge and permission from the Tournament Committee; the coaches and managers of that team shall be suspended from all play for one year from the notice of suspension. The suspension shall include all activities with that team. Any suspension pursuant to this provision may be appealed directly to the MSA Council subject to all applicable Protest and Appeals policies. This suspension is in addition to any other sanctions imposed by the organization of which the team is a manager.

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12. Any person/s or group in an attempt to circumvent the policies and rules of MYSA affiliates with a competing association of USYSA will upon re-affiliation with MYSA will not be allowed to hold a position of influence within MYSA, at the local or state level for a period of two (2) years. A position of influence is an administrator, an officer, a coach, or team manager/trainer.

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Bylaw 118 Bylaws and Policies Committee

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1. Bylaws and Policies Committee: is a Standing Committee of the MSA in accordance with MSA Bylaws. The Committee will be appointed by the President and approved by the MSA Council. It shall consist of a Chairperson and a Representative from each District. The Committee will review each member organizations Constitution, Bylaws and Policies for compliance with the minimum USSF, USYS and MSA standards.

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745 **2. Revisions to the Constitution, Bylaws and Policies by a member:** Any revision by
746 a member to its Constitution, Bylaws and Policies shall only be changed by its
747 membership in accordance with its MSA approved Constitution, Bylaws and Policies. The
748 Bylaws and Policies Committee shall review and if in compliance with the minimum
749 USSF, USYS and MSA standards, recommend approval to the MSA Council.
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751 **3. Non-compliance:** Non-compliance with the minimum USSF, USYS and MSA standards
752 shall be cause for suspension of membership from MSA, USYS and USSF.
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754 **4. Committee Authority:** The committee, through its chair, has the authority to advise
755 the member organization and the MSA Council of its non-compliance, and suggest a
756 timeline for bringing itself into compliance depending on the severity of the deficiency.
757 The MSA Council shall be the final authority under its powers and duties in Bylaw 101.
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759 760 761 762 **Bylaw 119 Membership**

763 **1. Membership -** The membership of MSA and the members of its Associations shall be open
764 to any soccer players, coaches, trainer's managers, administrators and officials not subject to
765 suspension under section 4 of Bylaw 241, and to any Adult soccer organization in its territory.
766 MSA will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex or
767 national origin. Individuals registered with the Federation shall be members of the Federation
768 with the rights accorded to them under these bylaws
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770 **2. Eligible Organizations:** Two types of Association membership shall be open to any
771 recognized youth or Adult organization who is interested in the promotion and organization of
772 soccer within the State. The purpose of different membership types is to assure that all
773 organizations interested in youth soccer will be able to participate in the MSA level of
774 competition which satisfies their specific needs without adversely affecting MSA or other
775 affiliated organizations. An organization who accepts either type membership is automatically
776 subject to USSF, USASA and U.S. Youth Soccer rules and regulations which make its players
777 and teams eligible for all USSF, USASA and U.S. Youth Soccer sponsored events. The two types
778 of membership are Full Member and Associate Member.
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780 **3. Membership Approval Authority:** The Council shall have sole power to determine
781 membership qualification; to accept or reject any applicant; and to grant provisional MSA
782 membership rights and privileges to a prospective member. However, all provisional
783 membership decisions of the Council must be confirmed by a majority AGM membership vote.
784 The President may authorize a prospective member the right to begin organizing to play under
785 the Association prior to Council approval with the applicant's understanding that the Council
786 must approve its application before it has any MSA rights and privileges. Prior to this approval
787 action, the prospective member must fulfill the appropriate member requirements for the
788 requested type of membership outlined in these bylaws.
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790 **4. Risk Management Requirements:** The following items must be performed prior to
791 presidential approval for Provisional Membership.
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793 **a.** KidSafe Disclosure documentation on proposed Officers, Directors and known
794 Coaches.
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- 797 **b.** Presentation of proposed budget and playing schedule
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799 **c.** Examination of playing sites and goals/equipment by the MS SYRA or his designee
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801 **d.** Minimum Standards -
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803 1. Playing sites must be permanent athletic facilities or fields and must have a
804 signed letter giving permission to use said sites.
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806 2. Goals/Equipment must conform to MSA Goal Inspection criteria
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808 **5. Prohibition on Transferring and assigning membership:** membership in MSA is not
809 transferable or assignable. Membership terminates when MSA and/or the Organizational
810 Member dissolves, as provided under these bylaws.
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Bylaw 120 Members Bylaws Requirements

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815 **1. Member Organizations: Every MSA organization shall:**
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817 **a.** Have jurisdictions over its internal affairs, except as provided herein, in the
818 Constitution, or in MSA adopted policies. Any organization that suspends any member or
819 team must notify the MSA State Office of this action and the expiration of such action.
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821 **b.** Take all necessary precautions to prevent disorder at games. The failure to comply
822 with this requirement shall be referred to the Council for appropriate action.
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824 **c.** Be able to send teams to the appropriate State Cup Tournaments. For District
825 Tournaments, if an age and/or gender group has twelve (12) or more teams, an
826 additional team is eligible for every four (4) teams beyond eight (8) teams.
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828 **d.** Be able to send two Adult teams in the appropriate age Divisions to a State
829 Sanctioned Championship tournament, should there be such tournaments scheduled.
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831 **e.** Provide their official mailing address for the next seasonal year to the State Office by
832 August 1 of each year. This address must be a permanent Post Office Box or street
833 address. Any organization which does not provide this address to MSA will not be mailed
834 copies of the Highlight Reports.
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Bylaw 121 Full Member

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839 **1. Full Member:** These type member organizations must meet all specified membership
840 obligations in order to remain in good standing and retain the specified rights and privileges of
841 this type membership. These obligations and rights are listed herein.
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843 **2. The Full Members' obligations are:** To complete and submit the following items to the
844 Council for file and/or their approval in accordance with the established deadlines:
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846 **a.** Data for all required KidSafe risk management background checks
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- b.** A signed, dated organization approved Constitution, or an affidavit that there has been no change to the organizations Constitution or Bylaws since the date on the copy on file in the MSA E-organization database.

If there is any conflict over versions in use, the version in the MSA database shall be considered official. It is incumbent on each organization to insure that their most current version is on file at MSA.
 - c.** The organization shall have a Board of Directors (or similar body) selected through an open and democratic election process.
 - d.** Actions and policies adopted by the Board of Directors (or similar body), or Executive Committee, or Officers of the local organization shall be reported to its membership, with notice and agenda of the meeting at least 15 days in advance of the meeting.
 - e.** The local organization shall provide to the Treasurer of MSA an annual report on the activities of the association and a current annual financial statement as a part of its member in good standing requirements.
 - f.** The local organization will provide copies of any changes to their Constitution, Bylaws or Playing rules within 10 days of adoption of those changes.
 - g.** The local organization will provide equitable and prompt hearing and appeal procedures to guarantee the rights of individuals to compete. These procedures shall follow the hearing and appeals policies set forth in these bylaws.
 - h.** A statement of its territorial boundaries. A member organization may also submit a Boundary Revision request.
 - i.** Organization approved team assignment procedures for Division III and II teams
 - j.** Current officers list by position with names, mailing addresses, fax, e-mail and telephone numbers (Home and Work), and provide full contact information and active e-mail address for the main individual responsible for approving transfers and releases for the e-Reg system.
 - k.** The official mailing address for MSA documents. This address must be a permanent Post Office Box or Street Address.
 - l.** A statement of intent with a specified registration period to conduct open registrations for all interested children or Amateurs, if the organization sanctions Amateurs in its membership, within the claimed organizational boundaries and to field teams in all playing divisions and age groups where there is sufficient player interest, personnel resources, and facilities. Organizations must publicize spring registration procedures to ensure that all fall registrants are advised of the new season and makes restoring team strength the responsibility of league officials.
 - m.** The annual membership fee as determined at the AGM.
 - n.** To pay all dues and fees as required herein.
 - o.** To obtain player medical insurance through MSA.

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- 902 **p.** To actively encourage participation of all youth within its claimed territorial
- 903 boundaries.
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- 905 **q.** To submit its annual player registrations and team rosters in the MSA-required
- 906 format. MSA will provide each organization access to the Registration Software.
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- 908 **r.** To send a voting delegate to at least fifty percent (50%) of all Seasonal Year MSA
- 909 business meetings.
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- 911 **s.** To furnish annually a minimum of one MSA committee member if requested by the
- 912 President
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- 914 **t.** To maintain a minimum of four (4) certified referees per one hundred (100)
- 915 registered players up to a required maximum of twenty (20) per organization. Any
- 916 organization that does not provide these minimum numbers will be placed on
- 917 probation. Such an organization shall have one (1) year to correct this violation or
- 918 face additional MSA action.
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- 920 **u.** To pay MSA all bond and registration fees for all their teams entering any MSA
- 921 sponsored tournament.
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- 923 **v.** To meet all other established MSA Council requirements as outlined in the MSA
- 924 Administrative Manual and other pertinent MSA documents like the periodic
- 925 newsletter.
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- 927 **w.** Upon a board decision to remove itself from MSA, the organization shall convene a
- 928 special called general membership meeting for the purpose of voting on a
- 929 membership decision on whether to remove itself from MSA. The calling of such
- 930 meeting shall require 10 days written notice to all general organization members
- 931 and the MSA President, specifying the date, time and place of the meeting.
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- 933 Each member and the MSA President shall have the right to participate. A decision
- 934 to remove the organization from MSA membership shall require a majority vote of
- 935 the entire general membership. The vote shall be reported to MSA and shall include a
- 936 list specifying those members present and voting, and the final decision of the
- 937 general membership.

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939 Each organization should consider amending its Bylaws to include this proposition.

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941 **3. The Full Members' rights are:**

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- 943 **a.** To cast one vote at all membership business meetings.
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- 945 **b.** To have qualified teams participate in all MSA sponsored and sanctioned
- 946 tournaments.
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- 948 **c.** To have qualified individuals hold MSA Council offices if elected in accordance with the
- 949 provisions of these bylaws.
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- 951 **d.** To participate fully in all MSA programs for which the organization is eligible.
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Bylaw 122 Associate Member – Division 1

1. Associate Member – Division 1: This membership category is for those organizations with at least three teams comprised of two teams in the USYS National Cup age groups and one non-national age group team (U11, U12 or U13) , which would like to obtain insurance; to have their players eligible for national programs; and/or to affiliate clubs or other such organizations which exist solely to further Amateur or competitive, highly skilled youth soccer competition. This membership category is not either interested in providing the Division II and/or Division III levels of competition or in becoming involved in the administration of MSA. This category of membership includes clubs, which exists solely to further competitive, highly skilled soccer competition. All organizations that hold this type membership must register all of its players with MSA or another Organization Member of the United States Soccer Federation, Inc, and in compliance with U.S. Soccer Bylaws and Policy 212.1, provide MSA verification of those players registered with another Organization Member of the United States Soccer Federation, Inc; and provide MSA with a copy of the communication advising those members that they are not registered with MSA and are ineligible for MSA benefits, and meet all specified membership obligations in order to remain in good standing and retain the specified rights and privileges of this type membership.

2. The Associate Member Organization may provisionally attempt to form after having received approval from the MSA Executive Council and the Full Member(s), if formation is within the an existing Full Member(s) territorial boundaries and paying all applicable MSA Fees. All three teams must be formed by the deadline for the Letter of Intent to play league play or the provisional organizations acceptance shall be deemed null and void. If, after registering the requisite number of teams players, the Associate member will continue to exist until some future time that both organizations can form a mutually acceptable unified program or one of the two programs dissolves or such time as the Associate Member registered teams players falls below the minimum requirement for Associate Membership

3. An Associate Member program formed within the boundaries of an existing program for the purposes of playing Division I Soccer exists until such time that the organizations can form a unified program or one program dissolves.

4. The Associate Member may obtain players from already rostered teams for a seasonal year only to the extent that the transfer of players is mutually acceptable to both coaches and teams involved and that the receiving team will be composed of no more than three (3) transferred players. Their obligations and rights are the following items.

5. The Associate Members’ obligations are: To complete and submit the following items to the Council for file and/or their approval in accordance with the established deadlines:

- a.** Data from all required KidSafe risk management background checks
- b.** A signed, dated organization approved Constitution, or an affidavit that there has been no change to the organizations Constitution or Bylaws since the date on the copy on file in the MSA office. If there is any conflict over versions in use, the version in the MSA office shall be considered official. It is incumbent on each organization to insure that their most current version is on file at MSA.

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- 1003 **c.** The organization shall have a Board of Directors (or similar body) selected through
1004 an open and democratic election process.
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- 1006 **d.** Actions and policies adopted by the Board of Directors (or similar body), or Executive
1007 Committee, or Officers of the local organization shall be reported to its membership,
1008 with notice and agenda of the meeting at least 15 days in advance of the meeting.
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- 1010 **e.** The local organization shall provide to the Treasurer of MSA an annual report on the
1011 activities of the association and a current annual financial statement as a part of its
1012 member in good standing requirements.
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- 1014 **f.** The local organization will provide copies of any changes to their Constitution, Bylaws
1015 or Playing rules within 10 days of adoption of those changes.
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- 1017 **g.** The local organization will provide equitable and prompt hearing and appeal
1018 procedures to guarantee the rights of individuals to compete. These procedures shall
1019 follow the hearing and appeals policies set forth in these bylaws.
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- 1021 **h.** Current officers list by position with names, mailing addresses, fax, e-mail and
1022 telephone numbers (Home and Work), and provide full contact information and active e-
1023 mail address for the main individual responsible for approving transfers and releases for
1024 the e-Reg system.
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- 1026 **i.** The official mailing address for MSA documents. This address must be a permanent
1027 Post Office Box or Street Address.
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- 1029 **j.** A statement of intent with a specified registration period to conduct open registrations
1030 for all interested children.
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- 1032 **k.** The annual membership fee as determined at the AGM.
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- 1034 **l.** To pay all dues and fees as required herein.
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- 1036 **m.** To obtain player medical insurance through MSA.
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- 1038 **n.** To submit its annual player registrations and team rosters in the MSA-required
1039 format. MSA will provide each organization access to the Registration Software.
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- 1041 **o.** To send a voting delegate to at least fifty percent (50%) of all Seasonal Year MSA
1042 business meetings.
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- 1044 **p.** To furnish annually a minimum of one MSA committee member if requested by the
1045 President
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- 1047 **q.** To maintain a minimum of four (4) certified referees per one hundred (100)
1048 registered players up to a required maximum of twenty (20) per organization. Any
1049 organization that does not provide these minimum numbers will be placed on probation.
1050 Such an organization shall have one (1) year to correct this violation or face additional
1051 MSA action.
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- 1053 **r.** To pay MSA all bond and registration fees for all their teams entering any MSA
1054 sponsored tournament.
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1056 **s.** To meet all other established MSA Council requirements as outlined in the MSA
1057 Administrative Manual and other pertinent MSA documents like the periodic newsletter.

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1059 **t.** To only operate Tournaments for which this membership is eligible
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1061 **u.** Upon a board decision to remove itself from MSA, the organization shall convene a
1062 special called general membership meeting for the purpose of voting on a membership
1063 decision on whether to remove itself from MSA. The calling of such meeting shall
1064 require 10 days written notice to all general organization members and the MSA
1065 President, specifying the date, time and place of the meeting.
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1067 Each member and the MSA President shall have the right to participate. A decision to
1068 remove the organization from MSA membership shall require a majority vote of the
1069 entire general membership. The vote shall be reported to MSA and shall include a list
1070 specifying those members present and voting, and the final decision of the general
1071 membership.
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1073 Each organization should consider amending its Bylaws to include this proposition.
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1075 **6. The Associate Members' rights are:**

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1077 **a.** To participate in all membership business meetings and cast one vote on all Division 1
1078 proposals or Adult Division proposals if an Adult program exists within that organization.
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1080 **b.** To have qualified teams and/or players participate in all USSF, US Youth Soccer, and
1081 MSA sponsored and sanctioned programs and tournaments for which they are eligible.
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1083 **c.** To serve on all MSA committees that specifically deal with USSF and US Youth Soccer
1084 sponsored activities for which the organization is eligible.
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1086 **d.** To apply for Full Membership if the organization can meet the requirements of such
1087 membership.
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1089 **7. The Associate Members' cannot:**

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1091 **a.** Vote on Division III and Division II proposals or participate in Division III and Division
1092 II affairs
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1094 **b.** Run individuals for MSA Council offices, except for organizations that have Adult
1095 Division Programs, who may vote for the Division IV Vice President.
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1099 **Bylaw 123 Associate Member – TOPSoccer**

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1101 **1. Associate Member – TOPSoccer:** This membership category is for those organizations
1102 that wish to operate a community based soccer program that is designed to meet the needs of
1103 the children aged 4 – 19 years old with physical and/or mental disabilities outside the
1104 framework of a member organization for tax or donation purposes. These programs are geared
1105 toward player development rather than to competition. Participants are placed on teams
1106 according to ability NOT by age. All organizations that hold this type of membership must meet

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1107 all specified membership obligations in order to remain in good standing and retain the
1108 specified rights and privileges of this type membership.

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1110 **2.** The Associate Member – Topsoccer Organization will continue to exist until some future time
1111 that both organizations can form a mutually acceptable unified program or one of the two
1112 programs dissolves. An Associate Member program formed within the boundaries of an existing
1113 program for the purposes of playing Division I Soccer exists until such time that the
1114 organizations can form a unified program or one program dissolves.

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1116 **3. The Associate Member – TOPSoccer obligations are:** To complete and submit the
1117 following items to the Council for file and/or their approval in accordance with the established
1118 deadlines:

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- 1120 **a.** Data from all required KidSafe risk management background checks
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 - 1122 **b.** A signed, dated organization approved Constitution, or an affidavit that there has
1123 been no change to the organizations Constitution or Bylaws since the date on the
1124 copy on file in the MSA office. If there is any conflict over versions in use, the version
1125 in the MSA office shall be considered official. It is incumbent on each organization to
1126 insure that their most current version is on file at MSA.
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 - 1128 **c.** The organization shall have a Board of Directors (or similar body) selected through an
1129 open and democratic election process.
 - 1130
 - 1131 **d.** Actions and policies adopted by the Board of Directors (or similar body), or Executive
1132 Committee, or Officers of the local organization shall be reported to its membership,
1133 with notice and agenda of the meeting at least 15 days in advance of the meeting.
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 - 1135 **e.** The local organization shall provide to the Treasurer of MSA an annual report on the
1136 activities of the association and a current annual financial statement as a part of its
1137 member in good standing requirements.
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 - 1139 **f.** The local organization will provide copies of any changes to their Constitution, Bylaws
1140 or Playing rules within 10 days of adoption of those changes.
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 - 1142 **g.** The local organization will provide equitable and prompt hearing and appeal
1143 procedures to guarantee the rights of individuals to compete. These procedures shall
1144 follow the hearing and appeals policies set forth in these bylaws.
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 - 1146 **h.** Current officers list by position with names, mailing addresses, fax, e-mail and
1147 telephone numbers (Home and Work)
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 - 1149 **i.** The official mailing address for MSA documents. This address must be a permanent
1150 Post Office Box or Street Address.
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 - 1152 **j.** A statement of intent with a specified registration period to conduct open registrations
1153 for all interested children.
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 - 1155 **k.** The annual membership fee as determined at the AGM.
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 - 1157 **l.** To pay all dues and fees as required herein.
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- 1159 **m.** To obtain player medical insurance through MSA.
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1161 **n.** To submit its annual player registrations and team rosters in the MSA-required
1162 format. MSA will provide each organization access to the Registration Software.
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1164 **o.** To send a voting delegate to at least fifty percent (50%) of all Seasonal Year MSA
1165 business meetings.
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1167 **p.** To furnish annually a minimum of one MSA committee member if requested by the
1168 President
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1170 **q.** To pay MSA all bond and registration fees for all their teams entering any MSA
1171 sponsored tournament.
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1173 **r.** To meet all other established MSA Council requirements as outlined in the MSA
1174 Administrative Manual and other pertinent MSA documents like the periodic newsletter.
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1176 **s.** Upon a board decision to remove itself from MSA, the organization shall convene a
1177 special called general membership meeting for the purpose of voting on a membership
1178 decision on whether to remove itself from MSA. The calling of such meeting shall
1179 require 10 days written notice to all general organization members and the MSA
1180 President, specifying the date, time and place of the meeting.

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1182 Each member and the MSA President shall have the right to participate. A decision to
1183 remove the organization from MSA membership shall require a majority vote of the
1184 entire general membership. The vote shall be reported to MSA and shall include a list
1185 specifying those members present and voting, and the final decision of the general
1186 membership.

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1188 Each organization should consider amending its Bylaws to include this proposition.
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Bylaw 124 Membership Dues

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1193 **1. Membership Dues:** The annual dues policies for each membership category are:

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1195 **a.** The Full Member dues shall be determined by the AGM membership.
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1197 **b.** The Associate Member dues shall include the cost of insurance, USSF, USASA and
1198 U.S. Youth Soccer player registration fees, and any appropriate MSA administrative
1199 charges, which are deemed proper by the Council.
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1201 **c.** All dues shall be paid on demand by the Council.
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1203 **d.** Any member, who does not pay their annual dues as provided herein, shall give cause
1204 for immediate suspension of its membership after a fifteen (15) day period.
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Bylaw 125 Member Registration

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1209 **1. Player Registration:** The registration policies for either type MSA member are:

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1211 **a.** To register all players on the appropriate MSA forms in accordance with the
1212 established MSA directives and policies as interpreted by the Council.

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1214 **b.** To require that one hundred percent (100%) of its players,
1215 coaches, trainers, managers, administrators and officials are registered with MSA or
1216 another Organization Member of the United States Soccer Federation, Inc.

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1218 **c.** To forfeit its MSA membership if it fails to register one hundred percent
1219 (100%) of its affiliated players and teams with MSA or another Organization
1220 Member of the United States Soccer Federation, Inc.

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1222 **Bylaw 126 Territories**

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1224 **1. Organizational Boundary:** Each organization shall acquire its players from its MSA
1225 approved boundaries as specified in the organization's Constitution or by-laws. All boundaries
1226 must be physical features, i.e. rivers, streets, highways, etc. All players domiciled within these
1227 boundaries must register with their home organization except under the four following
1228 conditions.

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1230 **a.** A home organization approves a Player Release to another MSA organization prior to
1231 the registration and/or rostering of this player by the other organization.

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1233 **b.** The player's age and/or gender group has been removed from territorial restraints by
1234 an MSA adopted policy.

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1236 **c.** A home organization has released the player in some previous Seasonal Year through
1237 an MSA approved Player Release or Player Transfer action. Such a player remains the
1238 player resource of the other organization who obtained either the player release or
1239 transfer action from the player's home organization. When the player decides to
1240 discontinue play with their other controlling organization, the territorial boundary policy
1241 and its exceptions applies to them.

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1243 **d.** The MSA Executive Council exercises its authority to void the home organization's
1244 player release action when it believes the player's participation in the other organization
1245 is not in the competitive interest of soccer. All actions involved with permitting players
1246 to play in organizations other than the Organization within whose territory the player
1247 resides must be submitted in writing to the MSA Executive Director for Executive Council
1248 review.

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1250 **e. Domicile requirements:** The address of the dwelling at which the player resides the
1251 greater portion of a seasonal year shall be deemed the players domicile. P.O. Boxes may
1252 be used for mailing purposes only. A player shall not be considered registered unless a
1253 domicile address is included.

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1255 **f. Boundary Revisions:** All changes to a member organizations' boundaries must be
1256 submitted on a Boundary Revision Request form. This form states the proposed revision,
1257 effective date, reason for the request, indicates any other organization that might be
1258 affected by the revision, and other pertinent information to the revision request. No
1259 revision may be accomplished until the revision is submitted to the Council for review,

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1260 approved or rejected and the member organization has received written
1261 acknowledgment of that approval or rejection.

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1263 **2. Districts:** The Association may form political and playing districts and sub-districts as
1264 needed to accomplish its objectives. When possible, district boundaries should follow county
1265 boundaries (refer to the MSA Policy Manual) and reflect relatively equal player registrations
1266 among the established districts. However, deviations are acceptable when approved by the
1267 Council. Each established political district will elect a District Director who will represent it on
1268 the Council.

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1270 **3. Territorial Restrictions:** Each Organization of MSA has a prescribed territory or boundaries
1271 from within which it acquires its players. Any player participating on a team outside his/her
1272 organization territory must receive permission to do so, in writing, from that Organization. The
1273 MSA Executive Council has the power to void such permission if it believes the players'
1274 participation is not in the competitive interest of soccer. All actions involved with permitting
1275 players to play in Organizations other than the Organization within whose territory the player
1276 resides must be submitted in writing to the MSA Secretary for Executive Council review.

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1278 **4.** There are no boundary restraints for Adult and bonafide Under-19 players playing in any
1279 division (I, II or III). There are no boundaries restrictions on any Division I player whose age
1280 group is in contention for National Cup Competition.

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1286 **Bylaw 127 Disaffiliation, Savings Clause and Amendments -**

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1288 **1. Disaffiliation:** The Association shall enforce the following policies in order to promote the
1289 growth of The Game throughout the State.

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1291 **a.** Any member organization, which does not actively promote The Game in a portion of
1292 its MSA approved boundaries, risks losing this portion of its territorial boundaries. The
1293 MSA Council shall grant a provisional membership to another group of interested
1294 individuals if the member organization does not implement a corrective plan of action as
1295 soon as possible after Council verification and notification of this failure to fulfill its
1296 membership obligation(s). This action must be approved at the next AGM.

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1298 **b.** Any member organization, which disbands or withdraws from MSA, shall give written
1299 notice of such intent to the Association. If such notice is not received and is believed to
1300 be warranted, the MSA Council shall request, by certified mail, the membership status of
1301 the organization. If this organization fails to respond in writing to the MSA request within
1302 thirty (30) calendar days of its receipt, it shall abandon its franchise and make it
1303 available for reassignment to another group within its MSA approved territorial
1304 boundaries.

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1306 **2. Savings Clause:** If any word, phrase, sentence, or other provision of these by-laws or its
1307 application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, this finding shall not affect the other
1308 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, or provisions and/or applications of these by-laws, and to
1309 this end, the provisions of these by-laws are declared to be severable. In the event that any
1310 provision of the Constitution, By-Laws or Rules shall be deemed in illegal or contrary to; or
1311 amended by FIFA, USSF, USYS or USASA, such portions shall be changed administratively

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1313 **3. Amendments:** These by-laws shall be made only at an Annual General Meeting by, a two
1314 thirds (2/3) majority of the votes allowed under a duly constituted quorum. Proposed
1315 amendments must be submitted in accordance with the established MSA Rules and Revisions
1316 Process. Except where provided in the MSA Constitution, any additions or amendments to this
1317 Constitution, By-Laws, or Policies shall not be effective until they are set down in writing and
1318 physically appended to those documents as a part thereof.

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1322 **•Revised by the MSA Membership at the Annual General Meeting, Jan 23, 2011 in**
1323 **accordance with it's Bylaws, superseding all previous revisions.**

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