

# **ANGELINA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

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Each person having any responsibility whatsoever for any Member Club or team participating in the Angelina Youth Soccer Association is responsible for reading and understanding this Constitution. In the event charges of infraction of any of the regulations contained herein are made against a club, team, coach or any other team representative, claims by said accused person of ignorance of these regulations will not be considered an available defense to said charges. It is each Member Club's responsibility to see to it that any person having responsibility for any team has access to a copy of this Constitution.

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**MEMBER  
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION**

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YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION  
CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE 1 – DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1 “ANYSA”: Angelina Youth Soccer Association
- 1.2 “Association”: the Angelina Youth Soccer Association.
- 1.3 “Administrator”: Registrar/Administrator for the Association hired by the Board to perform the administrative duties set forth in this Constitution and the Bylaws and other such duties as assigned by the President of the Association.
- 1.4 “Board”: Board of Directors of the Association.
- 1.4.1 Number to be at least eight (8) including officers but not more than 15 total members.
- 1.5 “Bylaws”: the Bylaws of the Association as in effect from time to time.
- 1.6 “Directors”: Non-titled Board Members.
- 1.7 “Discipline and Protest Committee”: as such term is defined in the Bylaws.
- 1.8 “Elected Officers”: the Association’s President and Vice President
- 1.9 “Fiscal Year”: as set forth in Section 10.2.
- 1.10 “Individual Members”: the players registered in the Member Clubs and such players’ parents and/or guardians, the Association’s coaches and supporters and members of the Board.
- 1.11 “Member Club”: the youth soccer clubs that are members of the Association, including Angelina Youth Soccer Club, Lufkin Futbol Club, and such other clubs as may from time to time be approved by the Association according to this Constitution.
- 1.12 “Officers”: the Elected and Appointed Officers of the Association.
- 1.12.1 Appointed Officers are the Secretary and the Treasurer
- 1.13 “Quorum”: as set forth in Section 8.2.
- 1.14 “Registered Fall Season Players”: the players registered with any one Member Club during the most recently completed fall season, as determined by the Administrator.

- 1.15 “Rules of Competition”: the Rules of Competition set forth in the Association’s Goldbook posted on the Association’s website [www.angelinayouthsoccer.org](http://www.angelinayouthsoccer.org).
- 1.16 “Sponsor”: STYSA or such other regional or national youth soccer organization with which the Association affiliates.
- 1.17 “STYSA”: South Texas Youth Soccer Association.
- 1.18 “USSF”: United States Soccer Federation.
- 1.19 “USYS”: United States Youth Soccer.

## **ARTICLE 2 - NAME**

- 2.1 The name of this organization shall be the ANGELINA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION (the “Association”).

## **ARTICLE 3 - PURPOSE**

- 3.1 It shall be the purpose of the Association to foster and promote youth soccer. The Association shall teach good sportsmanship, educate youth participants in the fundamentals of the game of soccer, promote the game of soccer and conduct such other educational activities as it shall deem appropriate to the promotion of youth soccer.
- 3.2 The Association shall be a nonprofit organization, incorporated in the State of Texas. The Association shall be subject to the rules set forth in this Constitution, its Bylaws and Rules of Competition.

## **ARTICLE 4 - AFFILIATION**

- 4.1 The Association shall be affiliated with the USSF. The Association and its Member Clubs shall be affiliated with USYS, STYSA, or any other national or regional youth soccer association approved by and a member of the USSF (STYSA or such other regional or national organization with which the Association affiliates is hereinafter referred to as the “Sponsor”).

## **ARTICLE 5 - MEMBERSHIP**

- 5.1 The Association shall be composed of:
- 5.1.1 Each Member Club shall retain its own autonomy subject to its adherence to the Association’s Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Competition and decisions of the Board.
- 5.1.2 Individual Members, but the Individual Members shall have no voting rights, unless they are members of the Board.

## **ARTICLE 6 - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

6.1 The business, property and activities of the Association shall be managed by the Board.  
The Board shall consist of:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Several Non-titled Members

6.3 The members of the Board shall receive no compensation for their services to the Association.

6.4 The Board shall have the power to manage the business and affairs of the Association, including the performance of the following duties:

- 6.4.1 Interpret and enforce the Association's Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Competition and decisions of the Board;
- 6.4.2 Establish all Association fees and charges, subject to the exceptions set forth in Section 11;
- 6.4.3 Levy fees and fines on Member Clubs subject to the exceptions set forth in Section 11;
- 6.4.4 Establish and administer the Association's Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Competition;
- 6.4.5 Resolve all disputes, protests and appeals with respect to the Association rules, except as provided otherwise in the Association's Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Competition or when the Association's authority to do so is superseded by the Sponsor or the USSF;
- 6.4.6 Establish and coordinate or approve all inter-association play and tournaments;
- 6.4.7 Formulate a budget to be approved by a majority vote of the Board
- 6.4.8 Make ultimate hiring decisions regarding persons employed or compensated by the Association;
- 6.4.9 Approve the compensation of any person employed or otherwise compensated by the Association; and

6.4.10 Carry out all other duties and responsibilities as specified in the Association's Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Competition.

## **ARTICLE 7 - ELECTION & APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**

- 7.1 Election and appointment of officers shall take place at the Association's November meeting.
- 7.2 The President shall appoint a nominating committee no later than September meeting to propose a slate of qualified candidates for the office(s) scheduled to become vacant in the coming year. The proposed slate of officer(s) shall be mailed to all Board Members no less than fifteen (15) days prior to the November meeting. For the purposes of this section, delivery of such notice may be accomplished through the use of electronic mail.
- 7.3 Nominations from the floor may be made during the elections provided that persons nominated from the floor are present and affirm his/her willingness to serve if elected, or such person shall have stated in writing to the incumbent President his/her willingness to serve if elected.
- 7.4 The President and Vice President, (collectively, the "Elected Officers") shall be elected by the affirmative vote of the majority of the Board, subject to Section 7.6.
- 7.5 The term of office for each Elected Officer shall begin upon his/her election and shall be for two (2) years or until a duly qualified replacement is elected to or appointed as set forth herein. All Elected Officers shall be elected in years as follows:
- 7.5.1 President: Elected in even years
- 7.5.2 Vice President: Elected in odd years
- 7.6 Position of Secretary and Treasurer will be appointed by the President prior to year end and certified by simple majority of the Board before the next monthly meeting.
- 7.7 Between elections, the President shall fill any vacancies in the offices of the Elected Officers by appointment. The President shall seek the board's advice concerning such appointments.
- 7.8 If the office of President becomes vacant before the last monthly meeting of the Year, the Vice President shall succeed to the office of President, and the vacancy for Vice President shall filled as set forth in Section 7.7.
- 7.9 No person shall be elected or appointed to be an Officer of the Association if such election or appointment would cause there to be more than two (2) members representing any one team. Any team with more than one (1) representative on the board shall be limited to a single vote, thus ensuring equal representation of all teams.

## **ARTICLE 8 – MEETINGS**

- 8.1 The Board shall meet at least monthly, and more often if the Board so desires, at a time and place scheduled by the Board and made known to each of the Board members. No notice of a regularly scheduled meeting shall be required unless a change of time or place is necessary. Such notice may be accomplished by the most expedient means available, including the use of electronic mail.
- 8.2 At any meeting of the Board, a quorum will exist if a simple majority of the votes held by the members of the Board are represented at such meeting (a “Quorum”).
- 8.3 Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or by a simple majority of the members of the Board by giving notice by U.S. or electronic mail to each Board member at least ten (10) days prior to such special meeting. A special meeting may only address the specified business for which the meeting was called.
- 8.5 Except as otherwise set forth herein, the Board shall decide all matters by a majority vote of the members of the Board.
- 8.6 All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with either (i) the most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised unless specified elsewhere in this Constitution or the Bylaws or (ii) the Sponsor’s rules of order. The President may modify the order of presentation of any meeting’s business to accommodate guests and/or Board members or to permit the efficient handling of matters which come before the Board.

## **ARTICLE 9 – HEADQUARTERS**

- 9.1 The Association’s headquarters shall be located at the home of the incumbent President where the files and records of the Association shall be maintained, or at such other location as the incumbent President may designate.

## **ARTICLE 10 - SEASONAL AND FISCAL YEAR**

- 10.1 The seasonal year shall be the same as the Sponsor’s seasonal year. August 1 through July 31.
- 10.2 The fiscal year shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31 of the year.

## **ARTICLE 11 - DISCIPLINE OF MEMBER CLUBS, OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

- 11.1 The Board, after an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board, may expel any registered member Club when such member's activities are not in accord with the Association's purpose as set forth in this Constitution and the Bylaws or where there have been numerous and knowing violations of this Constitution, the Bylaws or Rules of Competition by the member in question. The Board in their sole discretion, after an affirmative vote of a majority of Board shall have authority to fine or impose some other reasonable sanction on a member, for violations of the Association's Constitution, the Bylaws or Rules of Competition. The fine or sanction(s) may vary depending on the magnitude of the violation as determined by the Board.
- 11.2 Member in Good Standing: in order for a Club Team to be in good standing, such Team must be current on all obligations to the Association and to the Sponsor, including but not limited to the timely payment of all dues, fees and other moneys owed. Furthermore, disciplinary action pursuant to section 11.1 herein, may subject a Team to suspension of its good standing with the Association. Loss of good standing will occur automatically in the event that a Team is not current, or has not satisfied its financial obligations as of the date of any scheduled or special board meeting. Loss of good standing will result in the Team's forfeiture of playing privileges until its financial defaults are cured, or until disciplinary sanctions previously imposed are removed.
- 11.3 Each Board member shall be given at least ten (10) days written notice of the proposed action to expel a member or Club Team to be taken at the next Association meeting.
- 11.4 Any Officer or Director may be removed from office for (i) gross neglect of assigned Association duties; (ii) willful misconduct; (iii) after two (2) consecutive unexcused absences from regular Board meetings.

## **ARTICLE 12 - COMMITTEES**

- 12.1 The formation of standing committees shall require the approval of the Board. The President may form special committees in his or her sole discretion. These committees shall carry out the duties set forth in this Constitution, the Bylaws or as instructed by the Board or President.

## **ARTICLE 13 – AMENDMENTS**

- 13.1 Any proposal or motions to amend this Constitution must be made in writing to the Secretary for distribution to the Board. In addition, ten (10) days prior written notice to each Board member of a meeting to amend this Constitution shall be required. Such notice shall



contain the proposed amendments, as well as the time and place of the meeting. Amendments to this Constitution shall be approved by a majority of the Board.

#### **ARTICLE 14 – ENACTMENT**

14.1 This Constitution and the accompanying Bylaws shall supersede all previous Constitutions or Bylaws of the Association.

#### **ARTICLE 15 - AUTHORITY TO CREATE RULES**

15.1 The Association shall adopt and publish such regulations for youth players as may be required by the Association, the Sponsor or the USSF according to the needs of the Association to operate an orderly soccer program. All competitions sponsored by the Association shall be administered in cooperation with and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the USSF.

#### **ARTICLE 16 – DISSOLUTION**

16.1 The Association may be dissolved by the vote of a majority of the Board provided that each member has received at least ten (10) days prior written notice of the proposed action.

16.2 In the event that the Association is dissolved or ceases to function, the Board shall make provisions to pay all Association liabilities. Assets of the Association shall be disposed of to pay Association liabilities and any balance remaining after payment of all known Association liabilities shall be disbursed to such organizations established exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation of the Association.