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ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of the organization is the United Junior Soccer League (hereinafter referred to as U.J.S.L., the League or the Corporation.

ARTICLE II
PURPOSE

SECTION 1: The purpose of this League shall be to promote, foster, and perpetuate the game of soccer and to provide competition for its member clubs at the youth level.

SECTION 2: To promote the education, social, athletic, and character development of the participating youth.

SECTION 3: To acquire and disburse funds and to hold property for the purpose for which the corporation has been funded.

ARTICLE III
COLORS

The colors of the U.J.S.L. are royal blue, gold and white.

ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: Membership will consist of such clubs/organizations, which have submitted written application to the Membership Secretary and have been approved by the Executive Board and by a majority vote of the voting members in attendance at such general meetings at which cited application is submitted for consideration.

SECTION 2: Membership will not be restricted by virtue of race, creed, religion, national origin, ethnic group or sex.

SECTION 3: Annual membership fees may be established by the Executive Board with the approval of a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) of the member clubs. The failure of any member club to pay any established membership fee shall cause immediate forfeiture of membership legislative formality.

SECTION 4: Each and every club which is accepted to membership to the U.J.S.L. thereby agrees for itself and fore all of its coaches and representatives to accept, support and adhere to the purposes and regulatory of the League and its Constitution and By-Laws and Rules and Procedures.

SECTION 5: *Removal:* Any club member may be removed from membership for good reason subject to approval by a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board and the member clubs, each at their own separate meeting.

SECTION 6: In the event of dissolution of a member club, the League may require individual coaches and /or managers to satisfy any obligations incurred while a member of the dissolved club.

ARTICLE V
VOTING

SECTION 1: Each member club in good standing shall be permitted one (1) vote on all issues requiring approval of "member clubs". The recognized voting official shall be either the soccer director of each member club or his appointed delegate, in attendance and voting on the issue under consideration.

ARTICLE V (Continued)

SECTION 2: Each member club in good standing with a team registered in that division shall be permitted one (1) vote per registered team, on all issues requiring approval of the voting (or general) membership. The "Soccer Director" of each club, or his delegated representative, shall appoint the "voting members" at such times as pertinent issues are under consideration. A "Voting Member" must possess a valid coaches' pass for the current playing season or be the current soccer director of a member club or a current member of the board of directors of a member club (ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A MEMBER CLUB WISHING TO VOTE MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY OF THE U.J.S.L. ONE (1) MONTH BEFORE PERTINENT ISSUES ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION) or a member of the League Executive Board. A "voting member" must present a valid coaches' pass to be eligible to vote. Proxy votes are not permitted.

SECTION 3: League officers may not serve as the "member club" representatives.

SECTION 4: A member club classified not in good standing must submit a letter o re-application to the President and Executive Board prior to the next Board meeting, requesting re-instatement as a member in good standing. This letter must include a check covering all monies owed to the League as of the previous General meeting.

ARTICLE VI
OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1: *Officers:* The officers of the U.J.S.L. who shall also compose the Executive Board, shall consist of the following fifteen (15) individuals; President, First through Seventh Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Membership Secretary, Registrar, P.Y.S.C. Tournament Coordinator, and Columbus Tournament.

SECTION 2: *Term:* All officers shall serve a term of two (2) years or until their successor assumes office. The *Treasurer* may not serve more than three consecutive terms or portions thereof. In order to ensure an annual election the offices being voted on will alternate each year. In even numbered years the offices of President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Registrar, P.Y.S.C. Tournament Coordinator, and the Seventh Vice President (Development) will be elected. In odd numbered years the offices of Membership Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and First through Sixth Vice President positions will be elected.

SECTION 3: *Duties:*

(a) Executive Board:

(1) To authorize and approve all budgets, programs and expenditures of the League.
(2) To serve as the executive decision making body on all official appeals made in regard to any decision or ruling by a League Officer, Committee Chairman or any agent thereof.
(3) To assist and advise the League Officers and Committee Chairman in administration of the U.J.S.L.
(4) To have and to exercise all administrative and executive powers that is not otherwise specifically denied by the U.J.S.L. Constitution and By-Laws and/or Rules and Regulations.
(5) To secure adequate bonding requirements for and an all authorized Board members responsible for drafting and financial documents in the name of the League.
(6) To secure adequate liability insurance to protect the League against any and all actions that may arise from its operations.

(b) *President:*

(1) To preside at all League and Executive Board meetings.
(2) To sign all legal documents and papers.
(3) To appoint chairmen of all standing and special committees, unless otherwise prescribed by the Constitution and/or By-Laws.
(4) To serve as an "Ex-Officio" member (without vote) pf each standing and special committees.
(5) To sign all financial documents and checks.
(6) To perform all other duties normally associated with the Office of the President.

ARTICLE VI (Continued)

(7) The President of the League upon completion of his/her term shall remain on the Board as an Honorary Member for a term of one (1) year.

(c) *First Vice President:*
(1) To serve as League's Game Commissioner.
(2) To direct, develop and coordinate League playoff and cup game schedules.
(3) To exercise all other authority normally associated with "Games Commissioner" duties and responsibilities.
(4) To assume the responsibilities and authority of the President in the absence of the President.

(d) *Second Vice President:*
(1) To serve as Chairman/Director of one (1) of the following Committees/Activities, as appointed by the President:
a. Grievance Committee
b. P.Y.S.C. Committee
c. Select Coordinator
d. At Large
e. Development
(2) Standing Committees of the League shall consist of:
a. Grievance Committee
b. Membership Committee
c. P.Y.S.C. Committee
d. Tournaments Committee
(3) Chairman of Standing Committees will be the League Officer as outlined in Article II above.
(4) Standing Committee members will be appointed by the pertinent Committee Chairman.
(5) Powers and duties of Standing Committees, except for the Grievance Committee, shall be set and established by the Executive Board.
(6) Special Committees (Financial Committee) may be established, by the President, as deemed necessary to conduct League business. Such committees will be automatically disbanded upon completion of their assignments.
(7) The President shall appoint an Audit Committee each year to conduct a review of financial records to present findings to the Executive Board and to the membership.
(8) *Grievance Committee:*
a. The Grievance Committee Chairman or the E.P.Y.S.A District Representative, when requested, will serve as the League's Representative on the E.P.Y.S.A. Arbitration Board.
b. The Grievance Committee will take prompt action on written appeals/protests and/or reports emanating from member clubs' authorized representatives and/or from Referee's reports.
c. The Grievance Committee shall consist of a Chairman, plus no less than two (2) additional members representing a minimum of three (3) member clubs.
d. No Grievance Committee member shall vote, as a member of the Committee, during any action or decision, which involves a club, team or individual with whom he is affiliated as a member, coach or parent (including in loco parentis).
e. The Grievance Committee shall not honor any protest, complaint, or report of effect any decision that would result in any violation of the League's Constitution and By-Laws, Rules or Procedures; or in the League's commitments or authority delegated to the E.P.Y.S.A as a result of the League's affiliation therewith.

(e) *Treasurer:*
(1) The Treasurer must be bondable and not serve more than three consecutive terms or portions thereof.
(2) To account for all expenditures and to deposit all income of the League.
(3) To establish and maintain financial records and books.
(4) To pay all authorized obligations/bills of the League.

ARTICLE VI (Continued)

(5) To present a financial report at all General and Executive Board meetings.
(6) To sign all financial documents and checks.
(7) The financial affairs of the League shall be administered by the Treasurer.
(8) The League fiscal year shall be 1 August through 31 July.
(9) An annual audit independent of the Executive Board and coinciding with the fiscal year shall be conducted of the League's books and presented to the Executive Board and General Membership.
(10) A financial report shall be made by the Treasurer at all League meetings.
(11) All monies of the League shall be kept on deposit at a banking institution, which must be approved by the Executive Board.
(12) Disbursements, to the maximum extent feasible, will be made by check, which will be signed by the President and Treasurer. Under emergency conditions, the First Vice President and/or Financial Secretary may sign checks.
(13) All expenditures will be supported by a bill, invoice or other document signed by the Committee Chairman, officer, program director, or agent thereof, authorized to make such expenditures.
(14) No part of the income or assets of the U.J.S.L. shall inure to the benefit of any private individual, member or member club.
(15) Any Fee increase that requires a vote of the general membership must be announced at the regular monthly General Membership meeting prior to the General Membership meeting at which the vote will be taken.

(f) *Recording Secretary:*
(1) To establish, keep and maintain a record/minutes of all meetings of the League and the Executive Board.
(2) To read the prior minutes at all meetings of the League and the Executive Board.
(3) To keep a record of club and officer attendance at League meeting and officer attendance at Executive Board meetings.
(4) To maintain the official copy of League Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Procedures.
(5) To conduct all U.J.S.L. elections.

(g) *Corresponding Secretary:*
(1) To direct, control and present all correspondence of the League.
(2) To perform the duties of the Recording Secretary, in the absence thereof.

(h) *Financial Secretary:*
(1) To develop an annual League budget, projecting all costs for the year.
(2) To serve as League's purchasing agent.
(3) To serve as a member of the Ways and Means Committee and the Registration Committee.

(i) *Membership Secretary:*
(1) To develop and maintain a record/roster of all member clubs/organizations.
(2) To develop and maintain a record/roster of all member club soccer directors and addresses thereof.
(3) To notify club soccer directors, team managers, and Executive Board members of the date, time and place of all scheduled League/Executive Board meetings.
(4) To serve as Chairman of the Membership Committee and to actively elicit attendance at U.J.S.L. meetings.
(5) To review all proposed playing fields of new member applicants and/or additional proposed new playing fields of current member clubs; and to present recommendations pertinent to acceptance to the Executive Board.
(6) To conduct the periodic distribution and mailing of League standings/announcements.
(7) To serve as the U.J.S.L. Sergeant-at-Arms.

(j) Registrar:
(1) To perform the duties of registering teams/players with the State and National Associations. To establish dates and times for such registrations and to communicate policies and procedures as established by the League and/or State and National Associations. To maintain the League's Registration Records.
(2) To make all necessary forms available to coaches and teams.
(3) To follow all procedures as established by E.P.Y.S.A.

ARTICLE VI (Continued)

(k) *P.Y.S.C. Tournament Coordinator:*
  (1) To direct, develop, and report on all ad-book activities.
  (2) To be responsible for all the activities related to advertising for the P.Y.S.C.
  (3) To be responsible for all activities related to obtaining and booking hotel commitments for the P.Y.S.C.

ARTICLE VII
NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS AND FILLING OF VACANT OFFICES

SECTION 1: Nomination of candidates for League Officers shall be made at the League meetings conducted in April and May of each year.

(a) All nominated candidates must be approved members of an affiliated club/organization of good standing, or approved associate member of the League.
(b) All nominations must be proposed by a voting member.
(c) Individuals may accept nominations for more than one (1) office; however they can be elected to only one (1) officer position.

SECTION 2: *Elections:*

(a) All elections shall be conducted by a secret ballot.
(b) Elections will be conducted at the May League meeting each year.
(c) Official ballots will be distributed by the Recording Secretary or the appointed tellers on the night of the pertinent election meeting.
(d) The ballot shall contain the names of the nominees for the offices being voted on that year. If an individual is nominated for more than one office, the ballot will contain only the offices until there is a nominee that has been nominated for more than one office. If the nominee is elected to, and accepts the previous office, then their name will be stricken from the other offices they are nominated for.
(e) Additional ballots will be distributed until all offices up for election that year are voted on.
(f) Nominees receiving a plurality vote will be declared elected.
(g) In the event of a tie vote, it shall take the plurality vote of the voting members present and voting to elect a League Officer. Special ballots to "break ties" will be prepared and distributed and will list the names of only those individuals receiving an identical number of votes during the preceding pertinent election.

SECTION 3: *Filling Vacancies:*

(a) The First Vice President shall assume the office of the President in the event of a vacancy created in that office.
(b) All other vacancies created shall be filled by appointment by the President with the approval of a majority vote of the Executive Board.
(c) Terms of offices of individuals appointed to fill vacancies will be limited to the remaining portion of the pertinent terms or until a successor assumes office.

ARTICLE VIII
MEETINGS

SECTION 1: League meetings shall be conducted a minimum of five (5) per year. The January, February, March, June, July, November and December meetings will be omitted. The Executive Board meetings shall be conducted at a minimum of once per month. These meetings shall be conducted on dates, times and locations as determined by the Executive Board.

SECTION 2: Special meetings of the League and/or Executive Board may be called by the President or by a two-thirds (2/3) majority decision of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII (Continued)

SECTION 3: *Quorum:*

(a) *League Meetings* – A minimum of one-third (1/3) of the League member clubs in good standing, a minimum of four (4) of whom must be current members of the Executive Board, shall constitute a quorum for official conduct of League meetings.
(b) *Executive board Meetings* – Eight (8) current members of the Executive Board shall comprise o quorum for official conduct of Executive Board meetings.
(c) Following the roll call of clubs, the Recording Secretary shall announce those member clubs not in good standing and therefore ineligible to vote.

SECTION 4: *Fines & Absence* – Each member club is responsible for being represented at all regular monthly League meetings and any special meetings called by either the President or Executive Committee. Failure to provide such representation shall subject the club to a fine under any current League Policy.

SECTION 5: Member clubs must attend all five (5) meetings per year (August 1 – June 30) and not miss two (2) consecutive meetings or they will be classified as a member in not good standing and thereby automatically forfeit all voting rights unless and until reinstated. The meetings will be held in April, May, August, September, and October.

ARTICLE IX
PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE
AND APPEALS

SECTION 1: The rules of parliamentary procedure outlined in *Roberts Rules of Order* shall govern all meetings and proceedings of the League, except where they are in disagreement with the U.J.S.L. Constitution and By-Laws or Rules and Procedures.

SECTION 2: *Parliamentarian* – The League President shall appoint the League Parliamentarian.

SECTION 3: *Appeals:* (Other than Grievance Committee)

(a) Any ruling or decision by the Executive Board, by an elected or appointed official or any agent thereof, may be subject to appeal by a voting member.
(b) Appeals must be made in writing to the League President within ten (10) days after a ruling or decision.
(c) Appeals will be presented to the Executive Board for a decision. The Board must come to a decision in a responsive manner, but no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of an appeal by the President.
(d) The Executive Board will not honor appeals or make any decision in regard to appeals that would result in violation of the U.J.S.L. Constitution and By-Laws or Rules and Procedures.
(e) All appeals must clearly state and identify the decision being appealed, the individual or group making such decision, the special details and circumstances to be considered by the Board and the appellants' desired solution.
(f) Decisions of the Executive Board on appeals will be final.
(g) In the event of a tie vote, it shall take the plurality vote of the voting members present and voting to elect a League Officer. Special ballots to "break ties" will be prepared and distributed and will list the names of only those individuals receiving an identical number of votes during the preceding pertinent election.

ARTICLE X
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

SECTION 1:

(a) The League shall be affiliated with the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association (E.P.Y.S.A.) and will adhere to responsibilities and objectives that are inherent and concomitant with such affiliation/commitments.

ARTICLE X (Continued)

(b) Other affiliations that may further the purposes, goals or activities of the League may be developed subject to approval by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Executive Board and the member clubs.
(c) No affiliation will be permitted which would result in or imply preference or exclusion of any sex, race, creed national origin, or ethnic group or which would result in or imply support of any partisan political campaign, party, incumbent or candidate.

ARTICLE XI
DISSOLUTION OF THE U.J.S.L.

SECTION 1: *Dissolution* – The League shall be dissolved in the event it shall cease to carry out the purposes herein set forth or upon the unanimous vote of the Executive Board and the member clubs' representatives present and voting, each at their own separate meeting.

SECTION 2: *Disposition of Assets* – In the event of dissolution, all of the property and assets of the League shall be distributed to a similar non-profit charitable organization, as may be selected by the Executive Board, so that the property and assets of the League shall in such event, be used for, and devoted to a youth oriented organization.

In no event, shall any of the assets or property of the League go to or be distributed to any individual member(s) or member club(s) either for the reimbursement of any sums subscribed, donated or contributed, or for services rendered or for any other such purpose.

It being the intent that in the event of dissolution the property and assets, then owned by the League, shall be donated to carrying on the functions and purposes of such non-profit your oriented organization, as the Executive Board shall determine and direct.

ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

SECTION 1: *Purposing of Amendments* – Amendments may be proposed by any qualified voting member at any time. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the League President, who shall present such proposals to the Executive Board at a regular or special board meeting.

SECTION 2: *Adoption of Amendments:*
(a) A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board present and voting shall be required in order to indicate Board approval of a proposed amendment(s).
(b) Upon approval of the Executive Board, proposed amendment(s) shall be presented at the subsequent League meeting for a first reading. Proposed amendments shall be read for a second time and voted upon at the next League meeting.
(c) A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members present and voting shall be required to adopt any proposed amendment(s).

SECTION 3: *Effective Date of Amendments* – Amendments shall become part of the Constitution and By-Laws immediately upon their adoption by the voting membership, unless otherwise stipulated in the adopted amendment(s).

SECTION 4: *Filing of Amendments:*
(a) The League President and Recording Secretary must sign the official copy of all adopted amendments.
(b) The Recording Secretary shall keep in his possession, the official copy of the Constitution and By-Laws and all adopted amendments thereto. He shall make proper notations on the official copy of the Constitution and by-Laws at any Article, Section of Sub-Section affected by an amendment.

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ARTICLE I
TEAMS AND REGISTRATION

SECTION 1: *Number of Players* – The maximum number of players a team may register in the U-8 to U-10 age group is fourteen (14). The maximum number of players a team may register in the U-11 to U-19 age groups is eighteen (18). Teams participating in the winter league may roster twenty-two (22) players.

SECTION 2: *Registration:*

(a) Each youth must produce proof of age acceptable to the Registrar/Registration Committee. Acceptable proofs are as follows:

1. Birth Certificate
2. Previous years player pass
3. Baptismal Certificate
4. Hospital Birth Record
5. Certificate of Naturalization

(b) Each Manager must complete on-line an E.P.Y.S.A. "Player Roster Form" and the roster must be submitted to the League at the time of Registration.

(c) Each team must have an identification card with photo attached for each player. The said Pass must contain the player's date of birth, his signature, and the signature of the U.J.S.L. Registrar, in order to be valid. The Player Pass must be produced at each game; failure to comply could result in a forfeit. Each Player Pass is assigned a number, which is imprinted on the front of the Pass. The Pass must be replaced if any of the following occur:

1. The Pass is lost
2. The Registration Record is completely filled in

(d) Each manager/coach must have a validated Coach's Pass, including a picture.

(e) Any player, who has previously registered with a Division, can register with a younger division. *Exception:* Junior Division (see U.S.S.F.A. Rule).

(f) A team may not register additional players after the fifth (5th) week of the divisional season, except in the event an affiliated team disbands. Players from that team may be registered by another team, providing that player(s) does not displace a current registered player.

(g) A Player may be released from his/her team only by an official E.P.Y.S.A. release form. The release must be turned in to the U.J.S.L. Registrar within two (2) days of its execution. A player shall not sign a second registration form until eight (8) days have elapsed form the date the release was received by the U.J.S.L. Registrar.

(h) Registration Forms must be turned into the League Registrar no less than three (3) days before the day of the game in order for new players to be eligible to play in that game.

(i) All forms and cards must be filled out in ink or typed.

(j) No Secondary players allowed in the League.

SECTION 3: *Age Requirement:*

(a) Under 8 - No player may play who has reached their 8th birthday prior to August 1st of the current year.
(b) Under 9 - No player may play who has reached their 9th birthday prior to August 1st of the current year.
(c) Under 10 - No player may play who has reached their 10th birthday prior to August 1st of the current year.
(d) Under 11 - No player may play who has reached their 11th birthday prior to August 1st of the current year.
(e) Under 12 - No player may play who has reached their 12th birthday prior to August 1st of the current year.
(f) Under 13 - No player may play who has reached their 13th birthday prior to August 1st of the current year.
(g) Under 14 - No player may play who has reached their 14th birthday prior to August 1st of the current year.
(h) Under 15 - No player may play who has reached their 15th birthday prior to August 1st of the current year.
(i) Under 16 - No player may play who has reached their 16th birthday prior to August 1st of the current year.
(j) Under 19 - No player may play who has reached their 19th birthday prior to August 1st of the current year.

ARTICLE II
ASSIGNMENT OF TEAMS

SECTION 1: Promotion and Relegation

(a) In all divisions from U-11 Boys to U-16 Boys and all Girls Divisions the first and second place teams will be promoted to the next higher division, providing one exists. The last and next to last place teams will be relegated to the next lower division, providing one exists. All new teams entering the League shall be placed in the Premier Division.
(b) The Divisions for age brackets U-11 to U-16 Boys will be Premier, First and Second. The Divisions for age brackets U-8 to U-10 will be created at the discretion of the Games Commissioner.
(c) The Games Commissioner has the final decision on all matters of relegation.

SECTION 2: Game Schedules

(a) The schedule of games for the regular season and for cup matches shall be prepared by the Games Commissioner with the approval of the Executive Board. The schedule for the regular season games shall be determined by the Games Commissioner, dependent upon the number of teams registered, with the approval of the Executive Board.
(b) The Games Commissioner will be responsible for all scheduling of playoff games.
(c) In the event of a neutral site being used for a playoff or championship game, the corner flags, goal nets and field markings are the responsibility of the two teams playing.
(d) Because of the amount of teams that are in the League, field availability, and referee availability, the Games Commissioner will not be able to accept requests for certain playing times. Also the Games Commissioner cannot ensure that a team will play an equal number of home/away games.
(e) Any club, which drops a team once the Games Commissioner has started the League schedule, will be fined $300.00.

SECTION 3: Calling in Game Scores

(a) Manager, or team representative of the winning team (or home team in case of a tie) are to report an accurate game score by posting it on the website no later than 6:00 PM on Sundays. In the event of a night game scores are to be posted on line within two (2) hours of the game completion.
(b) Failure to comply with (a) will result in a fine being automatically applied to the pertinent member club and the scores omission from the standings. The amount of the fine will be determined by the League guidelines.

SECTION 4: Administrative

(a) If the number of teams in any Division of an age bracket exceeds ten (10), the Games Commissioner can sub-divide the Division into two sections. The Sectional assignment will be based on the team's geographical location except in the case of a club's having two teams in the same Division. Each team would then be assigned to a different section. The Sub-Sections will be labeled North and South. If less than ten (10) teams there will be one Division; the above assignments are at the discretion of the Games Commissioner.
(b) Each Division will have their own playoffs for the League Champion.
(c) The number of playoff teams will be determined by the number of teams in each Division. Maximum of four (4) playoff teams, minimum of two (2) per Division.
(d) The selection of the players for the All-Star Game on Thanksgiving Day will be by Age. Players from all Divisions will be mixed. The number of players from each team will be determined by their team's record as of the date established by the Games Commissioner.
(e) In the event of a tie: Tie breaker for worst records in case of more than two (2) teams tied – Head to Head Competition, Goals Differential for Season, Coin Flip. However, no club shall be prevented from fielding two or more teams in a division as long as the individual team records warrant such placement.

ARTICLE III
LEAGUE STANDINGS

(a) The Point System will be used to determine standings. A win will be three (3) points and a tie one (1) point. There will be no points for a loss. In case of a tie in the final League standings, a playoff game(s) will be held to determine playoff positions.
(b) There are no ties in playoff or championship games. If at end of regulation time the score is tied, two (2) overtime periods will be played *in full* as follows:
- U-15 thru U-19, two (2) 15 minute halves
- U-9 thru U-14, two (2) 10 minute halves
- U-8 , two (2) 5 minute halves

At the end of the overtime periods, if the score is still tied, F.I.F.A. penalty kicks will apply.
(c) F.I.F.A. Rules will govern all matches, unless otherwise determined by the U.J.S.L. Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV
POSTPONEMENT OF GAMES

(a) In the case of inclement weather, the postponed game can be made up through the Games Commissioner at an agreed upon date and time.
(b) All games shall be played at the designated location and scheduled time. Changes of location and scheduled starting time can be made only by the Games Commissioner.
(c) Games cannot be rescheduled after the schedules have been finalized. If it is necessary for a game to be rescheduled it may be done, with the Games Commissioner's approval, for a fee of $25.00.

ARTICLE V
REFEREES

(a) Games shall be covered by an E.P.Y.S.A. sanctioned Referee who will have full control of the game. In the event of a Referee not covering a game, either team may refuse to play without penalty or a spectator may be used to officiate. A spectator may be used by mutual agreement of both managers; however, no protest will be honored by the League pertaining to games so officiated.
(b) Each team must provide a linesman for all games. This person cannot be a player of either participating team.
(c) In the event a game is postponed (called) by the Referee, due to weather conditions, one-half (1/2) of the prescribed fee shall be paid by the home team (to cover traveling expenses) to the Referee.
(d) In the event a game is postponed (called) due to weather conditions after play has started, the Referee shall be paid the prescribed fee in full.
(e) It is mandatory that each Team Manager complete a Referee's evaluation report and forward the report to the U.J.S.L. Member Secretary and/or the designated Referee Assignor within seventy-two (72) hours after the game period. Failure to comply will result in a fine.

ARTICLE VI
LINE-UP FORMS

(a) Each team must present the Referee with an E.P.Y.S.A. Line-up Form at the start of the game. These forms must be signed by the Manager/Coach.
(b) Line-up Forms must contain the starting line-up and reserves, along with the jersey number of each player. If the form is not filled out properly a fine or forfeit may result. If any player is discovered to be playing and is not included on the Line-up Form, the game will be forfeited. (No name-forfeit, No number-fine).
(c) A copy of line-ups shall be exchanged with opposing coaches through the Referee. These copies should be retained for the duration of the current registration year.

ARTICLE VII
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE, SUSPENSION AND PENALTIES

(a) The U.J.S.L. Grievance Committee, acting as an affiliate of the E.P.Y.S.A. Arbitration Board (AB), shall operate in accordance with E.P.Y.S.A. Arbitration Rules and shall have jurisdiction and enforce penalties and suspensions in accordance with established AB rules and procedures including, but not limited to, referee reports, protests, appeals, suspensions, penalties, ejections, accumulation of cautions, conduct, refusal to play, abandonment of games, forfeits, player transfers, payment of fines, etc., and any other issues/items within the jurisdiction of and/or delegated to the E.P.Y.S.A. AB. This includes the authority to levy fines up to and including $300.00 per incident. These fines shall be due and payable upon receipt of the official written decision of the Grievance Committee. Failure to pay such fines within thirty (30) days, prior to the next scheduled game may result in a forfeit of that game and all future games until such fines are paid.
(b) Every member coach and official of any member club affiliated with the U.J.S.L. shall be considered a member of the U.J.S.L. A debt of any member club or individual person which is owed to the League shall be payable no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the date that the sum is declared payable. Failure to comply will result in the member club being classified as a member in bad standing. Any individual member shall be suspended until payments of fines have been satisfied to the U.J.S.L. in full.

ARTICLE VIII
FORFEITS

(a) An 11 v 11 game is forfeited when either team fails to field seven (7) players, fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled start of the game. An 8 v 8 game is forfeited when either team fails to field six (6) players, fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled start of the game.
(b) Games will start on time when both teams have the minimum number of players at the scheduled game time.
(c) If the home team fails to appear, the visiting team will pay the Referee Fees and will be later reimbursed by the League.
(d) In the event of a forfeit, the team causing said forfeit may be fined up to the amount of fifty dollars ($50.00). The fine must be paid within thirty (30) days after receipt of notification from the League. Failure to pay the assessed fine within the prescribed time period may result in forfeit of all games until fine is paid.

ARTICLE IX
PROTESTS

(a) A protest may be filed for the following reasons:
   1. Rule Interpretation
   2. Player Eligibility
   3. Violation of United Junior Soccer League or E.P.Y.S.A. Rules.

(b) The Referee and Opposing Manager must be notified in writing prior to or during a game that a protest is being made. Such protests will be notated on the Line-up Form and initialed by the Referee and Protesting Manager. *(Exception:* A player's eligibility protest or disqualification may be made at any time prior to the end of the Registration season).

(c) Protests pertaining to U.J.S.L. Rules covering Field of Play, Goal Posts or Nets, Corner Flags, or any other appurtenances must be lodged with the Referee and Opposing Manager prior to the start of the game.

(d) Should a player be proven ineligible, his team will be charged with a loss for all games in which he participated. If his name appeared on the Line-up Form, and he did not play, he will be treated as playing in such game.

(e) The Manager of an ineligible player shall be brought before the Grievance Committee, to determine how this violation occurred and appropriate penalty to be assigned.

(f) Any formal protests must be made in triplicate within forty-eight (48) hours after the game. One copy of the letter shall be sent to the Chairman of the Grievance Committee, a copy to the Opposing Team Manager, and the third copy should be retained for the protester's file. Such letters shall contain the following:
   1. A twenty-five dollar ($25.00) Protest Fee.
   2. Name, address and telephone number of Protesting Manager and Club Soccer Director.
   3. Location, Time and Date of Game.
   4. All facts regarding Protest *(be specific).*

(g) No Protest Fee shall be return if the Protest is denied, or if a Protest is improperly filed. Any Protests upheld will result in return of Protest Fee.

ARTICLE X
PLAYER'S EQUIPMENT

(a) A player shall not wear anything that is dangerous to another player.

(b) Player's equipment shall mean jersey or shirt, shorts, stockings and boots. A goalkeeper shall wear colors that distinguish him/her from the other players. Shin guards are mandatory. All jerseys must have a number, six (6) inches high, except goalkeeper. In the event of duplicate team colors, the home team must change uniforms.

(c) Decisions of officials in regard to safety of equipment will be final.

ARTICLE XI
INSURANCE

(a) All teams must show proof of proper insurance coverage. Policy will be shown at registration time and policy number and name of Insurance Company annotated on team registration form.

ARTICLE XII
AWARDS

(a) Awards will be determined by the Executive Board on an annual basis.

ARTICLE XIII
ALL-STAR GAMES

(a) The All-Star Games will be played on Thanksgiving Day, weather permitting.
(b) Methods of selecting All-Stars will be determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIV
GAME REGULATIONS

(a) The United Junior Soccer League shall abide by the laws of the game as set down by the Federation International of Football Association (F.I.F.A.) and the United States Youth Soccer Association (U.S.Y.S. A.) with the following exceptions:

1. *Duration of game:*
- a) U-8, U-9, and U-10: Two (2) twenty-five (25) minute halves for a fifty (50) minute game.
- b) U-11 & U-12: Two (2) thirty (30) minute halves for a sixty (60) minute game.
- c) U-13 & U-14: Two (2) thirty-five (35) minute halves for a seventy (70) minute game.
- d) U-15 & U-16: Two (2) forty (40) minute halves for an eighty (80) minute game.
- e) U-19: Two (2) forty-five (45) minute halves for a ninety (90) minute game.

2. *Substitutions:*
- a) There will be no limit on the number of players a team may substitute.
- b) Substitutions can be made at the following times:
  1. Goal
  2. Goal kick
  3. Throw-in (with possession)
  4. Injury (on official stoppage of game)
  5. At half-time
- c) All substitutions must report to the Referee upon entering the game.
- d) It is required to substitute for a player that has received a caution (yellow card) from the Referee. The player may re-enter the game at any time mentioned in "b" above.

3. *Goalkeeper:*
- a) In all age divisions the keeper must abide by all F.I.F.A. rules.

4. The size of the ball used shall be:
- a) U-8, U-9, U-10, U-11, & U-12: Number 4 Ball
- b) U-13, U-14, U-15, U-16, U-19: Number 5 Ball

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ARTICLE XV
AMENDMENTS TO RULES & REGULATIONS

(a) Amendments to U.J.S.L. rules may be proposed/submitted at any Executive Board or General Membership Meeting.
(b) Proposed amendments to U.J.S.L. rules must be submitted in writing to the League President.
(c) Proposed amendments to U.J.S.L. rules must be approved by the Executive Board and the voting membership, in attendance and voting, each at their own separate meeting with the exception that a proposed rule change which is rejected by the Executive Board will be reviewed by the Presiding Officer at the subsequent General League Meeting. Such proposed amendments may then be voted upon at the subsequent (i.e. second) General League Meeting, if such a motion is made and seconded, and adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of member clubs in good standing and in attendance and voting.
(d) Proposed U.J.S.L. rule changes which are not approved in accordance with paragraph (c) above may not be reintroduced until a minimum of nine (9) months has elapsed from the time of it's original introduction.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS
CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the above reflects a true and accurate record and copy of the official Constitution and By-Laws of the United Junior Soccer League as approved by the Executive Board and the General Membership.

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