

AUSTINTOWN JUNIOR SOCCER LEAGUE

Constitution

Revised January 2010

Article I: Name

The name of the organization is the Austintown Junior Soccer league, hereafter referred to as the AJSL. The AJSL is a non-profit organization established in 1978. It shall be registered with and maintain affiliation with the Ohio Youth Soccer Association-North (OYSAN) and United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA). The AJSL affiliated with the OYSAN and USYSA is subject to all their rules and regulations. Three fourths (3/4) vote (of Board Members in good standing) is required to change affiliation.

Article II: Mission Statement

The Austintown Junior Soccer League (AJSL) is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated towards teaching and actively promoting:

- The sport of soccer
- The development of players, coaches and referees
- Good sportsmanship
- Life skills for children and youth players of all levels of interests and abilities in a safe and healthy environment. We make ethical decisions based on what is in the best interests for all our members.

Article III: Location

The headquarters of this league shall be Austintown, Ohio where all general meeting will be held. All league game will be played at Derrick Wall Fields located at 805 Ohltown Road, Austintown, Ohio.

Article IV: Amendments

Each year at the end of the league's scheduled season, for league betterment, the Constitution, By-laws and Rules & Regulations may be amended, altered, or repealed and changes proposed. All proposed changes to the Constitution, By-laws, or Rules of play must be submitted one (1) meeting prior to their adoption or rejection. These proposals will be accepted or rejected by the December meeting. Such action requires a two thirds (2/3) vote of the total Board membership. All revisions of the Constitution will take effect with the next calendar year (January 1 – December 31).

Article V: Status

Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organization that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code. A.) No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public

office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article VI: Dissolution of League

Upon dissolution of the AJSL, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the AJSL, dispose of all of the assets of the organization exclusively for the purpose of the organization organized and operated exclusively for charitable or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provisions of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law as the Executive Committee shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Commons Pleas of Mahoning County exclusively for such purposes or to such organization as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. Dissolution of this league requires a 2/3 vote of the 18 Board members. Alternates may vote only if a quorum is not reached.

Article VII: Non-discrimination

The AJSL shall not discriminate against anyone because of their race, sex, religion, politics or national origin.

Article VIII: Meetings and Representation

Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. The January meeting is mandatory for all Board Members.

A) The order of business for monthly meetings will be:

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Reading and approving of previous meeting minutes
- 3) Correspondence
- 4) Treasurer's report
- 5) Registrar's report
- 6) Committee reports
- 7) Old business
- 8) New business
- 9) Adjournment

B) Standing Committees:

- 1) Competition
- 2) Tournament
- 3) Coaching
- 4) By-Laws / Policies
- 5) Awards (trophies, coach of the year, sportsmanship of the year, etc.)
- 6) Photography
- 7) Maintenance
- 8) Sponsorship
- 9) Concessions
- 10) Uniforms

- 11) Finance
- 12) Nominating / Election Committee

D) A simple majority vote, one-half (1/2) of the membership present (who are in good standing) plus one (e.g., 6 members is a quorum, a majority vote would be 4), will decide all issues unless otherwise stated.

E) Special meetings may be called via e-mail or text messaging with a minimum of seventy-two (72) hours notice to all Board Members.

F) Repetitive absenteeism at league meetings by a Board Member of more than three (3) meetings per seasonal year (seasonal year being January 1st through December 31st) or two (2) consecutive meetings without prior Executive Board approval will constitute loss of voting privileges for the next twelve (12) months beginning with the month after the fourth (4th) month they missed, and that Board Member will not be considered a member in regards to establishing a quorum. In order for a Board Member to regain voting rights they must attend league scheduled meetings during their voting suspension and not miss more than one (1) meeting for the remainder of the seasonal year. Alternate Board Members who miss more than three (3) meetings per seasonal year shall be removed from the Board.

G) AJSL constitution and by-laws are superseded only by OYSAN, USYSA, and USSF rules and regulations. All issues not specifically covered in the constitution or by-laws of the AJSL will be dealt with by the Executive Committee of the AJSL under OYSAN and USYSA rules, regulations and philosophy. The decision of Executive Committee is final in these instances.

Adopted By A.J.S.L. Board of Trustees by: _____
(President)

Witnessed By: _____

Date: _____