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PART I GENERAL

Bylaw 101: Name and Composition

The name of this LEAGUE shall be the ARIZONA PREMIERE SOCCER LEAGUE. It will be referred to as the “APSL” or “this league”. This league shall be a non-profit, educational organization, which shall be structured as a non-profit corporation under the provisions of the Arizona Revised Statutes and paragraph 501C(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

This league shall be non-commercial, non-sectarian and non-partisan.

Bylaw 102: Purpose

The purpose of the “APSL” shall be to develop, promote, and administer youth soccer at the premiere/competitive levels among youth soccer players/teams in the state of Arizona.

Bylaw 103: Affiliation

This league shall be an affiliated member of, and comply with the authority of the Arizona Youth Soccer Association, and those regional, national and international organizations of which the Arizona Youth Soccer Association is an affiliate.

Bylaw 104: Boundaries

The boundaries of the APSL shall be limited to the boundaries of the state of Arizona, as defined by the Arizona Youth Soccer Association.

Bylaw 105: Equal Opportunity

The APSL shall provide an equal opportunity to athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators and officials to participate in youth soccer competition without regard to the individual’s race, color, religion, national origin, age or sex.

Bylaw 106: Laws of the Game

The “Laws of the Game” as authorized by FIFA, and modified for youth play by the USSF, USYSA, or the AYSA, apply to all youth soccer games sanctioned by the APSL.

Bylaw 107: Seasonal and Fiscal Year

The seasonal and fiscal year of the APSL each begin on August 1 of one calendar year and end on July 31 of the following calendar year.

Bylaw 108: Use of Name and Logo

No one may use the name or initials of APSL, any of its trade names including Arizona Premiere Soccer League and APSL or it’s logo except as provided under these bylaws or except with the express written consent of the APSL.

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Bylaw 109: Authorities

Section 1: This league shall be governed by its Constitution and Bylaws as presently constituted except in those matters reserved by the Arizona Youth Soccer Association.

Section 2: This league shall be governed by a Board of Directors [Board], which shall be elected at this league's Annual General Meeting [AGM] which will be held on the (last) Sunday of (July) in the current calendar year, except for the year 2001 when the Annual General Meeting will be held on or about May 18th, 2001.

Bylaw 110: Robert's Rules of Order and Quorum

Section 1: Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, all meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the latest authorized edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 2: A simple majority of the BOARD shall constitute a quorum at any BOARD meeting.

Section 3: **A simple majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum at any League Council and/or AGM meeting.**

Bylaw 111: Dissolution

If this league dissolves for any reason, its property and assets shall be donated to the AYSA for the benefit of youth soccer in Arizona.

PART II MEMBERSHIPS

Subpart A: General

Bylaw 201: Eligibility

The membership of the APSL is open to all invited soccer clubs, players, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators and officials within the State of Arizona that are affiliated with and in good standing with the Arizona Youth Soccer Association.

Bylaw 202: Membership Categories

Section 1: APSL has the following categories of membership.

- (a) Male Player
- (b) Female Player
- (c) Head Coach
- (d) Assistant Coach
- (e) Trainer
- (f) Manager
- (g) Team

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- (h) Board Member
- (i) Administrator

- Section 2:** Each Member Team will have one vote carried by the Head Coach
- (a) The Head Coach may appoint a representative to carry his vote and vote at any Division Meeting.
 - (b) Only the Head Coach may carry the teams vote and vote at the AGM.

Bylaw 203: General Responsibilities

- Section 1:** In addition to the requirements of these bylaws:
- (a) Falsification of records shall be grounds for removal from future participation and/or membership in this league.
 - (b) A plea of ignorance to the bylaws, policies and procedures of this league is not sufficient and violators may expect appropriate action by the Board of Directors.
 - (c) Any person found guilty of violating the bylaws, policies and procedures of this league may be asked to appear before the Board of Directors in order to explain his/her actions.

Subpart B: Organization Members

Bylaw 211: Admission to Membership

- Section 1:** Any team wishing to participate in this league must submit an application to the appropriate Division Director prior to July 1 of the current calendar year.
- Section 2:** Upon receipt of the application to participate by the Division Director it will be included with all the other applications for a vote by the current members at the member meeting in June.
- Section 3:** The current members of this league will meet no later than the last Sunday in July in order to vote on new and existing teams for participation in the upcoming league season.
- Section 4:** Only those members currently in good standing may vote.
- Section 5:** Members may only vote on those applications in their respective divisions.
- Section 6:** Upon a team's acceptance to this league all players, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers and managers will be members of this league and must adhere to these bylaws.
- Section 7:** The Board of Directors at any time may extend an invitation to any team that it feels is eligible to participate in this league.

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Section 8: The Board of Directors may withdraw, deny or remove any member and/or member team from participation in this league for any violation of these bylaws.

Section 9: The Division Directors and Member Teams may elect to hold a "play in" tournament to choose which teams from those applying will be admitted into this league.

(a) The tournament format will be decided by the Division Director and must be approved by the Board of Directors.

Bylaw 212: Terms of Membership

Section 1: The term of membership for this league will be for one (1) seasonal year.

Section 2: All current members must submit an application to participate to their respective Division Director prior to July 1 of the current calendar year.

(a) These applications will be included with all new applications to be voted on at the current member's meeting on the last Sunday of July.

(b) All current members in the U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16 and U17 that finish 1st or 2nd in the Snickers National Cup competition are automatically invited to participate in this league and are exempt from submitting an application.

Section 3: All members must abide by these bylaws, bylaws of the AYSA, bylaws of the USYSA and the current FIFA Rules of the Game.

Bylaw 213: General Responsibilities

Section 1: In addition to other requirements of these bylaws, each member shall:

(a) To the extent consistent with applicable law, comply with the bylaws of the APSL, AYSA, and the Federation.

(b) Pay all fees to the APSL by the deadline due.

(b1) The Treasurer shall be responsible for setting the deadline for the current year and informing all members of the deadline date.

Section 2: Each member team shall maintain it's own autonomy except as otherwise provided in these bylaws.

Subpart C: Fees

Bylaw 221: Fees

Section 1: Each Team Member shall pay to the APSL annual fees in an amount recommended by the Board of Directors and ratified at the Annual General Meeting.

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- (a) For the seasonal year 2001/2002 the Annual General Meeting will be held on or about May 18th, 2001. All subsequent AGM's will be held on the last Sunday in July of the current year.

Section 2: The team fee collected will cover the following:

- (a) State Player Registration Fee.
 - (a1) Up to a maximum of 18 registered and/or transferred players.
 - (a2) After the total of 18 registered and/or transferred players has been met an additional registration fee set by the Board must be paid for any player over the original 18 being registered.
- (b) All Player Transfer/Drop Fees.
 - (b1) Up to the maximum as stated in Bylaw 221 Section 2 a1.
- (c) League Registrar Fee.
- (d) Referee Assignor Fee.
- (e) Web Master Fee.

Section 3: Upon completion of the National Cup Tournament the balance of the account will be divided equally between those APSL teams that qualified for the Regional Tournament to be used to offset the cost to the team for travel to the Regional Tournament.

- (a) At the Board of Directors Meeting in May the Board will determine the amount of funds necessary to operate the league into the next seasonal year.
- (b) The Board of Directors will ensure that during the first Board of Directors Meeting held after the completion of Arizona's National Cup Competition that the remaining funds in the league account is divided equally among those APSL teams qualifying for Regionals.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall establish deadlines for the payment of all fees.

- (a) The deadline however, will not be later than the first scheduled play date.

Subpart D: Suspensions, Fines, Termination and Reinstatement

Bylaw 231: Suspensions, Fines, Termination and Reinstatement

Section 1: Any member team failing to pay any fees due the APSL shall be provided written notice of the delinquency. If those fees are not paid within 15 days after the date of the notice of delinquency, the delinquent team shall be suspended from further league play.

- (a) The Board of Directors will then send a letter to the AYSA requesting that the member team be placed in bad standing.

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- Section 2:** The Board of Directors may suspend, fine or terminate or any combination thereof, the membership of any member and/or member team of the APSL if the Board determines that
- (a) The conduct of the Member is adverse to the best interests of soccer, the APSL, the AYSA or the USYSA.
 - (b) The Member has not complied with the requirements of its membership.
- Section 3:** Any member coach that is placed in Bad Standing for actions relating to one team will be in Bad Standing for all teams he/she coaches within the APSL.
- Section 4:** A Member team may be removed from the league upon a vote of the other coaches within the teams division at the Membership meeting on the 3rd Sunday of June.
- Section 5:** Procedures involving Suspensions, Fines, Termination and Reinstatement
- (a) Upon a determination of the Board to Suspend, Fine or Terminate a Member the following procedure will apply:
 - (a1) The President will direct that a letter containing the specific reasons for the suspension, fine or termination be drafted.
 - (a1a) The letter will contain the infraction, cite the applicable bylaw(s), date the suspension or termination begins, date the suspension or termination ends, the address any appeals can be mailed to, the amount of the fine (if applicable) and the date by which time the fine must be paid and the Presidents signature.
 - (a1b) The letter will also contain the procedure for filing an appeal.
 - (a2) The letter will then be mailed to the affected member by Registered U.S. Mail, return receipt requested.
 - (a3) Upon return of the registered mail receipt the President will direct that the APSL secretary keep the receipt for a period of at least one-year.
 - (a4) If after a period of seven (7) days a letter of appeal has not been received the President will direct that a letter be prepared advising the AYSA that the member and/or member team have been suspended, fined or terminated. The letter will contain a request that the AYSA place the affected member and/or member team in bad standing
 - (a4a) The letter will then be mailed to the AYSA office, return receipt requested.
- Section 6:** Procedures for Appeal of a Suspension, Fine or Termination

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- (a) Upon receipt of a letter of Suspension, Fine or Termination the affected member or in the case of a member team the designated Head Coach, shall have seven (7) days to file a Letter of Appeal.
 - (a1) The Letter of Appeal will contain a request for a hearing, the names and address of any witnesses that the member will produce at the hearing and a list of any and all evidence and/or documents he/she plans to produce at the hearing.
 - (a2) The member will then mail the letter by Registered U.S. Mail, return receipt requested, to the address listed on his/her letter of suspension, fine or termination.
- (b) Upon receipt of a Letter of Appeal the President will designate a date not less than fifteen (15) or more than thirty (30) calendar days from the date of receipt of the Letter of Appeal for a hearing.
- (c) The President will also designate a time and location for the hearing.
- (d) A letter advising the member of the Date, Time and Location of the Hearing will be sent to the Member within seven (7) days by Registered U.S. Mail, return receipt requested.
 - (d1) It will be incumbent upon the affected Member to advise any and all witnesses he/she wishes' to produce at the hearing of the hearing date, time and location.

Section 7: Procedures for a Hearing of an Appeal of a Suspension, Fine or Termination

- (a) The President will convene a Hearing Board, which will be comprised of the following members:
 - (a1) The President
 - (a1a) The President will not vote on upholding or overturning the suspension, fine or termination.
 - (a2) The Boy's Division Director
 - (a3) The Girl's Division Director
 - (a4) The Secretary
 - (a5) One Coach from the affected Members Division
 - (a5a) Cannot be within the same club as the affected Member
 - (a6) One Coach from the Opposite Division of the affected Member
 - (a6a) Cannot be within the same club as the affected Member
- (b) The hearing Agenda will be as follows
 - (b1) The President will call the meeting to order.
 - (b2) The President will then read the Letter of Suspension, Fine or Termination.
 - (b3) The President will then provide for the board any documentation or testimony supporting the Suspension, Fine or Termination.

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- (b4) The Member will then be allowed to present his/her evidence, testimony and/or documents which will support his/her position.
 - (b4a) All witness testimony will be limited to only the facts surrounding the reasons for the Suspension, Fine or Termination.
 - (b4b) All witness testimony will not exceed five (5) minutes per witness.
- (b5) After the affected Member has presented his/her case the President will ask the member to leave the room.
- (b6) Once the member has exited the room the President will call for a vote from the members of the Hearing Board.
 - (b6a) The Hearing Board Members may only vote to:
 - A; Uphold the Suspension
 - B; Overturn the Suspension
- (b7) After the vote the Member will be brought back into the Hearing Room and advised of the Boards decision.
 - (b7a) The Decision of the Hearing Board is final and no other Appeals will be entertained.
- (c) Within seven (7) days of the Hearing the President will send a letter by Registered U.S. Mail, return receipt requested, to the affected Member detailing the Hearing Boards decision.
 - (c1) The President and all members of the Hearing Board will sign this letter.
- (d) Within seven (7) days the President will send a letter to the AYSA by Registered U.S. Mail, Return receipt requested, advising them of the Hearing Boards decision and reaffirm the Bad Standing Status or request that the Bad Standing Status be rescinded.
- (f) The Hearing will be audio recorded.

Section 8: Any member team that has been removed from the APSL will have 30 days in which to register with another league if said termination is upheld after all appeal procedures are exhausted.

- (a) Any team failing to register with another league after 30 days will be placed into bad standing with the AYSA.

Bylaw 232: Resignations

Section 1: Any member team may resign from the APSL by submitting a written resignation to the APSL. The resignation does not relieve the member of any obligation to pay any fees that had been accrued.

Section 2: Any member team that has resigned from the APSL will have 30 days in which to register with another league.

- (a) Any team failing to register with another league after 30 days will be placed into bad standing with the AYSA.

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Bylaw 233: Reinstatement

A suspended member of APSL may submit a written request for reinstatement. The Board of Directors may reinstate the membership of a suspended member and/or member team if all the requirements of the suspension have been met.

Bylaw 234: Dual Rostering in Another League

Section 1: No APSL member team may Dual Roster a team in the APSL and any other League.

Section 2: Any member team that has been accepted into the APSL that Dual Rosters with another league will have been deemed to have resigned from the APSL and must comply with Bylaw 232 Sections 1 and 2.

PART III ORGANIZATION

Subpart A: Divisions

Bylaw 301: Divisions

Section 1: The APSL will be comprised of two (2) Divisions, each of which will be headed by a Division Director. These Divisions will be known as the Women's Division and Men's Division.

- (a) The respective team members in each division at the Annual General Meeting will elect each Division Director in accordance with Bylaw 403 Section 1.

Subpart B: Voting

Bylaw 311: Organization Members

Section 1: Each Member Team is entitled to one (1) vote at the Annual General Meeting and Division meetings which will be carried by the Member Team's Head Coach.

- (a) Each Member Team may designate a team representative to attend Division meetings and place a vote for the Head Coach.
- (b) Only the Head Coach may vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Bylaw 312: Officers and Board of Directors

Section 1: The Officers of the APSL are the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Men's Division Director, Women's Division Director, Premier Cup Director, Registrar, Men's Division Scheduler, Women's Division Scheduler, Web Master, Referee Assignor and the Fields Coordinator.

Section 2: The Board of Directors of this league shall consist of the league President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Premier Cup Director, Women's Division Director and the Men's Division Director.

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- (a) The President of this league may vote only to break any ties that may occur.
- (b) All other members of the Board shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

Subpart C: League Council

Bylaw 321: Composition and General Authority

Section 1: The APSL has a League Council that is composed of the Head Coach of each Member Team and the Board of Directors.

Section 2: The League Council has the following authority:

- (a) Exclusive authority to amend the bylaws of the APSL.
- (b) Adoption of the budget of APSL.
- (c) The election of the Board of Directors. (Officers)
- (d) Approval of league fees.
- (e) Ratify actions of the Board of Directors

Bylaw 322: Meetings

Section 1: The league council will meet at the following times for the listed purpose.

- (a) The Last Sunday in July of the current year. (Except for the year 2001 when the meeting will be held on or about May 18th, 2001)
 - (a1) This meeting will be the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) The Third Sunday in October of the current year.
 - (b1) To discuss any changes and/or improvements for the league.
- (c) The Third Sunday in February
 - (c1) This meeting will be to discuss the next round of play.

Section 2: Each member Team will have one vote at the council meetings.

- (a) All league council meetings are mandatory.
- (b) A coach may designate an alternate to attend the meeting in his place.

Bylaw 323: Special Meetings

Section 1: The division directors may schedule and call a meeting of the Member Teams in their Divisions at any time.

Section 2: The Board of Directors may call a meeting at any time for the purposes of running the league.

- (a) All attempts to contact all Board Members will be made. However, a simple majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3: Each Division Director will hold a meeting with the Member Teams of their Divisions no less than one (1) hour before the AGM for the purpose of team selection into the league.

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Bylaw 324: Annual General Meeting

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the last Sunday of July of each calendar year.

Section 2: The APSL shall provide to each Member Team.

- (a) At least thirty (30) days notice of the AGM by either writing, e-mailing or faxing the agenda, date, time and location of the meeting and:
- (b) At least thirty (30) days before the date of the AGM, a list of any individuals who have declared candidacy for election to the Board of Directors.

Section 3: The order of business at the AGM shall be as follows.

- (a) Call to Order
- (b) Roll Call
- (c) Introduction of New Member Teams and Head Coaches
- (d) Acceptance of Minutes of Previous AGM
- (e) Acceptance of Reports and Confirmation of Actions taken by the Board of Directors
- (f) Acceptance of the Budget
- (g) Amendments to the Bylaws and Policies
- (h) Election of Officers
- (i) New Business
- (j) Good of the Game
- (k) Adjournment

Bylaw 325: Place of Meeting

The Board of Directors may designate any place within the State of Arizona as the place of meeting for the league council, however attempts will be made to have the meeting as centrally located as possible for the convenience of all Member Teams.

PART IV: OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Subpart A: Officers

Bylaw 401: Officers

Section 1: The Officers of the APSL are the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Men's Division Director, Women's Division Director, Premier Cup Director, Registrar, Men's Division Scheduler, Women's Division Scheduler, Web Master, Referee Assignor and the Fields Coordinator.

- (a) All officers may vote at the AGM.
- (b) All officers are to assist the Board of Directors in the day to day operation of this league.

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- (c) All officers will be reimbursed for all travel and lodging expenses incurred while on official league business with prior approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 2: The Board of Directors of the APSL are the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Premier Cup Director, Men's Division Director and the Women's Division Director.

- (a) The Board of Directors is responsible for the day to day operations of this league.

Bylaw 402: Responsibilities of Officers

Section 1: The **President** of the APSL shall supervise all activities of the APSL, The Board of Directors and the League Council and will chair all meetings.

The responsibilities of the **President** include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Be chief executive officer of the APSL.
- (b) Shall administer the affairs of the APSL with concurrence of the Board of Directors.
- (c) Shall be responsible for the oversight of league procedures.
- (d) Shall be responsible for overseeing and hiring the league Registrar.
- (e) Shall be responsible for overseeing and hiring the league Web Master.
- (f) Will verify and approve any expenditures for operating the league and will counter sign all checks of the league.
- (g) Oversee all discipline
- (h) Chair all Board of Directors Meetings, League Council Meetings, Division Meetings and The AGM.
- (i) The President may vote only to break a tie.
- (j) The term of office for President will be two years.

Section 2: The **Vice President** shall assist the President in the administration of the APSL, become acting President during any temporary absence of the President, and succeed to the Presidency if that office becomes vacant for any reason.

The responsibilities of the **Vice President** include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Assume the responsibilities of the President when the President is absent cannot act or refuses to act.
- (b) Locate a volunteer to be the Fields Coordinator and oversee their activities.
- (c) Locate, negotiate a fee and oversee the league's Referee Assignor.
- (d) Perform other responsibilities assigned by the Board of Directors or the President.
- (e) The term for the office of Vice President will be two years.

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Section 3: The responsibilities of the **Secretary** shall include, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Take and record the minutes of all Board of Directors Meetings, League Council Meetings and Division meetings.
- (b) Send a typed copy of the minutes to the AYSA for publishing.
- (c) Ensure that a record is kept of the name, address and phone number of each member, director, officer and contractor of the APSL.
- (f) Perform other responsibilities assigned by the Board of Directors or the President.
- (g) The term for the office of Secretary will be two years.

Section 4: The responsibilities of the **Treasurer** shall include, but not limited to, the following.

- (a) Direct the keeping of full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements of the APSL.
- (b) Oversee the preparation of financial statements on a monthly basis and send to all members of the Board of Directors.
- (c) Prepare an operating budget for review and ratification by the Board of Directors and the Members.
- (d) Provide that all accounts be paid by check and that the checks bear two (2) signatures.
- (e) Maintain the league checking account.
- (f) Insure the preparation, execution and submittal of forms required annually by the Arizona Corporation Commission to maintain the incorporated status of the APSL.
- (g) Insure that all debts of the league are paid in a timely manner.
- (h) Insure that the league Registrar is paid bi-weekly upon receipt of the number of registrations.
- (i) Insure that the league Web Master is paid bi-weekly.
- (j) Insure that the Referee Assignor is paid upon receipt of the bill.
- (k) Prepare a report by the May Board of Directors Meeting detailing the funds available to be dispersed to the Member Teams going to Regionals.
- (l) Prepare any reports required by the United States Internal Revenue Service and the Arizona Department of Revenue.
- (m) Perform other responsibilities assigned by the Board of Directors or the President.
- (n) The term for the office of Treasurer will be two years.

Section 5: The responsibilities of the **Division Directors** shall include, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Each Division Director will be responsible for the organization of their respective divisions.
- (b) Each Division Director will locate a volunteer to create game schedules for their respective divisions.

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- (c) Each Division Director is responsible for ensuring that all member teams in their respective divisions adhere to these bylaws.
- (d) Each Division Director is responsible for ensuring that all games are played according to the FIFA Laws of the Game and the rules and policies of this league.
- (e) Each Division Director will locate a volunteer to maintain all the game statistics of their respective league.
- (f) Each Division Director will ensure that all member coaches in their respective divisions' call, fax, or e-mail the division statistician no later than 7 PM on game day to report their scores.
- (g) Each Division Director will ensure that the division statistician will contact the league Web Master no later than 9 PM to report the days scores for posting on the league web site.
- (h) Each Division Director shall meet with all member teams in their respective divisions at least bi-monthly to discuss the status of their divisions.
 - (h1) Meeting dates that fall on the dates mandated for the League Council Meetings may be combined with the Division Meeting.
- (i) Each Division Director is responsible for advising the Board of Directors and obtaining permission for any changes in their respective divisions.
- (j) Each Division Directors office will be for a term of two years.
- (k) The Men's Division Director will be elected at the AGM in even numbered years.
- (l) The Women's Division Director will be elected at the AGM in odd numbered years.

Section 6: The responsibilities of the **Premier Cup Director** shall include, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) The creation and running of a Premier Cup at the end of each seasonal year to determine division champions.
- (b) Responsible for seeding of teams at the Premier Cup to ensure the best possible competition.
- (c) The creation and running of a competitive tournament within Arizona to showcase the talent within our state.
 - (b1) The Premier Cup Director will make all attempts to make this tournament one of the premier tournaments in the nation with teams from other states and countries participating.
- (d) Meet and review with the Division Directors those teams that should be invited to participate in the APSL tournament.
- (e) Create a name and logo for the APSL tournament.
- (f) The Premier Cup Directors office will be for a term of two years.

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Section 7: The responsibilities of the **Registrar** shall include, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Create and maintain a "user friendly" registration format for all member teams.
 - (a1) Will create and hand out to all members a registration manual which will outline the registration process.
 - (a2) The manual will be carried as an addendum to these bylaws.
- (b) Registration of all member teams, administrators and players of the league with the Arizona Youth Soccer Association.
- (c) Review, sign and submit all player transfers and drops.
- (d) Retrieve all administrator and players passes from the state registrar and issue to member teams.
- (e) Ensure that all administrators of member teams have complied with the AYSA Risk Management requirements.
- (f) Act as liaison to the AYSA Registrar.
- (g) Attend all registrar meetings and training sessions.
- (h) The registrar will be compensated at the rate of 1.5 times the current rate paid to the VYSL registrar.
- (i) The President of the league shall appoint/hire the registrar.
- (j) Perform other responsibilities assigned by the Board of Directors or the President.
- (k) The league registrar will report directly to the President.

Section 8: The responsibilities of the **League Web Master** shall include, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Obtain a league web site.
- (b) Obtain a league domain name.
- (c) Create a league web site.
- (d) Maintain the league web site and update the schedule, statistics and standings weekly.
- (e) The Web Master may contract with individuals and/or companies to advertise for said individuals and/or companies to help defray the cost of maintaining the web site.
- (f) No individual and/or company may advertise on the league web site without payment to the league.
- (g) Any individual and/or company wishing to rent space on the league web site must submit an application to the Web Master for approval by the Board of Directors.
- (h) The Board of Directors may have any advertisement removed from the web site that they feel is detrimental to the APSL, AYSA, or USYSA.
- (i) The league Web Master will negotiate with the president for adequate compensation for maintaining this site.
 - (i1) The Web Masters compensation is subject to Board of Directors approval.
 - (i1) The Web Master will be paid bi-weekly.

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- (j) The Web Masters contract will be reviewed at the May Board of Directors meeting for renewal.
 - (j1) The Web Masters contract will run for 12 consecutive months.
 - (j2) The Board of Directors may cancel the Web Masters contract if the Web Masters fails to adequately maintain the web site or fails to perform his duties as specified in this section.
- (k) Ensure that the web site is paid for in a timely manner to avoid removal from the web.

Section 9: The responsibilities of the **Division Schedulers** shall include, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Create and maintain the game schedules for their respective divisions.
- (b) Meet with the division director of their respective divisions to assist in relegation and promotion.
- (c) Meet with the field's coordinator to schedule games with the most amount of exposure for APSL teams.
- (d) The Division Director appoints the Division Schedulers.
 - (d1) It is preferred that the Scheduler be someone that has "no affiliation" with any one team and/or club.

Section 10: The responsibilities of the **Division Statisticians** shall include, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Create a method of keeping team and league statistics.
- (b) Create a score sheet for use by member teams.
- (c) Maintain all member team statistics in their respective divisions.
- (d) Ensure that all member teams in their respective division's call, fax, or e-mail in their scores by 7 AM on the Wednesday following game day.
- (e) Call, Fax, or E-Mail the results of all games in their respective divisions by 9 PM on Wednesday following game days to the league Web Master for posting on the web page.
- (f) Meet with the division director to assist in relegation and promotion.
- (g) The Division Director appoints the Division Statisticians.

Section 11: The responsibilities of the **Fields Coordinator** shall include, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Contact the various city Parks and Recreation Departments to arrange for the use of fields by APSL teams.
- (b) Contact the various field coordinators of all the clubs associated with the APSL and arrange for the use of the club fields by APSL teams.
- (c) Meet with the Head Coach of Member Teams to learn of the availability of fields for league games.

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- (d) The Vice President of the APSL will appoint the Fields Coordinator.
- (e) The Fields Coordinator will report directly to the Vice president.

Section 12: The responsibilities of the **Referee Assignor** shall include, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Must be an AYSA approved and certified assignor.
- (b) Only the Referee Assignor may assign referees for any APSL game.
- (c) The assignor will only assign referees, which are qualified to officiate the high level of competition of the APSL.
- (d) The Vice President will negotiate with the assignor as to duties and cost of assigning.
- (e) The Referee Assignor will report directly to the Vice President.

Bylaw 403: Elections

Section 1: The term of office for all officers will be for two years. The officers will be elected as indicated:

- (a) The President, Secretary, Girls Division Director and the Premier Cup Director are elected at the AGM of Odd numbered years.
- (b) The Vice President, Treasurer and Boy's Division Director are elected at the AGM of Even numbered years.
- (c) The Registrar, Division Schedulers, Division Statisticians, Web Master, Referee Assignor and Fields Coordinator are appointed/hired as indicated in Bylaw 402.

Section 2: Each Member of the APSL shall have a vote at the AGM as outlined in Bylaw 311.

Bylaw 404: Removal

Section 1: Any officer referred to in Bylaw 401 may be removed from office by two-thirds vote of the members entitled to vote for that office.

- (a) The Registrar, Web Master or Referee Assignor may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.
- (b) The Board of Directors may remove the Division Schedulers and Division Statisticians upon recommendation of the Division Directors.

Section 2: Any Officer referred to in Bylaw 401 who is absent for three consecutive meetings, or a total of five meetings of the Board of Directors during their term of office for any reason other than performing the official duties of the APSL may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Any Officer referred to in Bylaw 401 who is removed from office for cause or resigns form office, may not be appointed to any office of this league for a period of no less than two years.

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Bylaw 405: Vacancies

If any office other than the President becomes vacant for any reason the Board of Directors shall elect an individual to the office to fill the balance of the term unless specified in these bylaws.

Bylaw 405: Restrictions

No officer referred to in Bylaw 401 may:

- (a) Receive compensation (except for reimbursement for expenses) for services as an officer.
- (a1) The offices of Registrar, Web Master and Referee Assignor are exempt from Bylaw 405, (a).

Subpart B: Board of Directors

Bylaw 411: Composition and General Authority

Section 1: The APSL has a Board of Directors. The Board is composed of those officers enumerated in Bylaw 312 Section 2 and Bylaw 401 Section 2.

Section 2: Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the Board of Directors shall:

- (a) Manage the affairs of the APSL
- (b) Enforce and interpret the bylaws, rules, policies and procedures of the APSL.
- (c) Review and approve member Teams.
- (d) Review and approve Division playing formats.
- (e) Review and approve all expenditures.
- (f) Review and approve the operating budget.
- (g) Review and approve the Presidents choice for Registrar.
- (h) Review and approve the Presidents choice for Web Master.
- (i) Review and approve the Vice Presidents choice for Referee Assignor.
- (j) Review and approve the Division Directors choice for Division Scheduler.
- (k) Review and approve the Division Directors choice for Division Statistician.
- (l) Review and approve the formation of the Premier Cup and APSL Tournament.
- (m) Make temporary rules or regulations for specific cases or occasions not provided for in existing documents, but which the Board of Directors deems necessary to carry out the objectives of the APSL.
 - (m1) At no time will any temporary rule or regulation conflict with the rules and/or regulations of the AYSA, USYSA or FIFA.

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Section 3: Subject to the limitation of these Bylaws and the Laws of the State of Arizona, all of this leagues powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall control all business and other affairs of this league.

Section 4: The Board of Directors may appoint two other officers to the Board if desired.

Bylaw 412: Votes

Section 1: Each member of the Board of Directors has one vote with the exception of the President.

(a) The President may vote only when the vote is by ballot or in all other cases to affect the result of the vote.

Bylaw 413: Meetings

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings Bi-monthly throughout the year.

(a) The Board of Directors meetings will be held the last Sunday of each even numbered month.

(a1) The Board of Directors may meet at the location of the League Council meetings prior to the start of the League Council meeting.

(b) The location and time of the bi-monthly Board of Directors meetings will be equally divided within the State in order to accommodate as many Board Members as possible.

(b1) The location and time of the bi-monthly Board meeting must be posted on the league web site at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

Section 2: The Board of Directors meetings will be open to all Member Teams Head Coach or his/her representative.

Section 3: Visitors are welcome to attend all Board meetings. Visitors may be granted the privilege to speak at the meetings under the approval of the President or any three Board members.

(a) The privilege to speak may be revoked by the President at any time if the President feels the visitor is becoming disruptive to the meeting.

(b) The President may limit the time allotted to each visitor wishing to speak.

Section 4: The President may close the meeting to all others except the Board of Directors with a majority vote of the Board Members present to discuss topics of a sensitive nature.

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Bylaw 414: Non-Voting Directors

There will be no non-voting members of the Board of Directors.

- (a) If the Board of Directors chooses to add two officers to the Board both officers added shall have a vote.

PART V

ADMINISTRATIVE

Bylaw 501: Fiscal Year Budget

Section 1: The Treasurer shall prepare a budget for the APSL for the next fiscal year.

- (a) Upon completion of the proposal the treasurer shall submit it to the Board of Directors for approval.
- (b) Upon approval by the Board of Directors the proposed budget will be placed before the Member Teams at the AGM for approval.
- (c) At no time will the operating budget carry over into the next year.
 - (c1) The Treasurer shall act in accordance with Bylaw 221, Section 3.

Section 2: The Treasurer shall ensure that all Member Teams comply with PART II, Subpart C, Bylaw 221 of these Bylaws to maintain an adequate budget.

Bylaw 502: Accounts, Books and Records

Section 1: The APSL shall maintain adequate and correct accounts, books and records of its business. The league Treasurer shall keep all of those accounts, books and records.

Section 2: All books and records, including copies of governing documents shall be open to inspection for the Directors and Members of this league.

Bylaw 504: Disclaimer

The APSL shall not assume, nor be liable for, the debts and/or financial responsibilities either implied or incurred, of any player, head coach, assistant coach, trainer, manager, team official, club official or referee from any member team, affiliate or other organization.

Bylaw 505: Liability

All officers if the APSL and officials of member teams shall be covered against personal liability claims by the Arizona Premier Soccer League for performing acts and duties directly related to the work of this league.

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PART VI

PLAYERS AND PLAYING

Bylaw 601: Registration

Section 1: All Players, Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Trainers and Managers of Member Teams must be registered with the APSL and the AYSA.

Section 2: Upon verification from the league Registrar that all registration fees have been received from the Member team the registrar will then register the team with the state.

(a) Upon receiving the players passes from the state registrar the league registrar will contact the Head Coach and/or the team Manager to make arrangements for the passes to be picked up.

Section 3: Any APSL team withdrawing from the league after receiving their players passes will be placed in Bad Standing with the AYSA.

(a) Any team leaving the league will be removed from Bad Standing status after notification from the state registrar that the affected team has re-registered with whichever league they will play in.

Bylaw 602: Players Passes

Section 1: All coaches are required to present a valid APSL/AYSA player pass for each player, head coach, assistant coach, trainer and/or manager that will be on the member teams sideline.

- (a) **NO PASS-NO PLAY**
- (b) **NO PASS-NO COACH**

Section 2: The Referee assignor will insure that all referees assigned to officiate any APSL game are aware of this Bylaw.

Bylaw 603: Loan Players

Section 1: Loan players are permissible in league play to fill a team or for tryout purposes under the following conditions:

- (a) Loan players must come from the same club as the team borrowing the players.
 - (a1) Includes players not registered within the APSL.
 - (a2) Must be registered with the lending team and have a valid players pass.
- (b) Loan players **must be the same age group or lower as the players they are going to PLAY WITH, not against.**
 - (b1) An U-16 player may be borrowed to play with an U-16, U17, U18 team, but cannot be borrowed to play with an U-15 team.
- (c) The use of players of the opposite gender is prohibited.
- (d) The APSL will allow the use of an U-19 older player under the following conditions only.

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- (d1) The player must be registered to an U-19 team within the same club.
- (d2) The players team has it's majority of players in college and unable to play club soccer.
- (d3) The player must still be in High School.
- (d4) The player may only play down one age level.

Section 2: The team utilizing Loan Players **must have a minimum** of seven (7) players and one (1) coach registered to the team present and able to participate

- .a) Any team failing to field seven (7) of it's own players will be deemed to be in violation of Bylaw 605 Section 1 and Section 4 and will be suspended from further play until a determination from the Board as to their continuing status in the APSL.

Bylaw 604: Teams

Section 1: The age brackets of teams within the APSL will be in the U-11, U-12, U-13, U-14, U-15, U-16, U-17, U-18 and U-19 age groups.

- (a) Any player desiring to play in an age bracket higher than the players age must conform to the rules of the AYSA concerning playing up.
- (b) No player may play in an age bracket younger than his or her age.
- (c) Any team that is found to contain overage players will be immediately removed from competition within the league and the offending team reported to the AYSA for disciplinary action.

Section 2: Each Division will contain four (4) brackets of six (6) teams each.

- (a) The brackets will be designated Bracket A, Bracket B, Bracket C and Bracket D.
- (b) Teams will be placed in the Brackets as designated by the Division Directors after the AGM.

Section 3: Each Division will have RELEGATION and PROMOTION and all teams are subject to relegation or promotion based upon play.

- (a) The team placing last in its bracket will automatically be relegated into the bracket directly below it, except as outlined in Bylaw 604, Section 3(a)(a1).
 - (a1) The Division Director after meeting with the member teams of their division may place a team in a lower bracket.
- (b) The team placing first in its bracket will automatically be promoted to the bracket directly above it.
 - (b1) A younger team wishing to stay in it's bracket will be allowed to do so.
 - (b2) If in the opinion of the division director an older team relegated to a lower division will dominate play within

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the younger bracket may choose to keep the older team up in its original bracket.

- (c) The team placing second to last in any bracket will play the team that finished second in the bracket below it to determine who will be promoted, relegated or remain in their bracket.

Bylaw 605: Games

Section 1: All teams registered in the APSL shall be required to play all of their scheduled league games.

- (a) Teams not playing all their scheduled league games are subject to suspension from the APSL.

Section 2: No games may be rescheduled for any reason other than an act of God without permission of the Division Director and the agreement of the opposing coach.

Section 3: A minimum of 72 hours is required for rescheduling games.
(a) Failure to adhere to this policy will render the offending team responsible for all referee fees and game expenses for the canceled game.

Section 4: Teams failing to play all their league games will not be eligible for National Challenge Cup Competition and placed into bad standing status with the AYSA.

Section 5: All teams invited to play in the Premier Cup must play all scheduled games.
All APSL teams are required to play in the Premier Cup and must play all scheduled games.
(a) Any teams that do not play will be suspended from the league, and placed in bad standing with the AYSA unless a 72 hour notice has been given to the BOD and the opposing coach.

Section 6: The team listed first on the schedule will be designated the Home team and is responsible for changing jerseys should there be a color conflict.

Section 7: All APSL games will be ninety (90) minutes in length.
(a) Each Division Director may amend the game length based on the age of the team.
(b) All younger aged teams playing an older team will play at the game length of the older team.
(b1) If an U-13 team has their games designated as thirty-five (35) minutes in length and they are playing an U-16 Team whose games are forty (40) minutes in length, the game will be played at the higher game length of forty (40) minutes.

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- Section 8:** All APSL games will be played in accordance with Regional Standards
- (a) If a match is tied after regulation the match will end in a draw.
 - (b) Points shall be awarded as follows:
 - (c1) 3 points for a win
 - (c2) 1 point for a draw
 - (c3) 0 points for a loss
 - (c) Tiebreakers for Demotions and Relegations will be as follows:
 - (d1) Head to Head
 - (d2) Winner of Most Games
 - (d3) Cumulative goal differential between goals scored and goals allowed in all games played within your Division. Maximum difference allowed is four (4) goals per game
 - (d4) Least goals allowed in all games played within your Division
 - (d5) Kicks from penalty spot per FIFA Law

Section 9: The Premier Cup Director will determine the format of play for all Premier Cup games.

Section 10: The APSL is a statewide league and as such will play games throughout the State.

- (a) All APSL Member Teams must be prepared to travel for league games.
- (b) No member team may reschedule a game due to traveling conflicts.
- (c) If a Member Team must reschedule a game in accordance with Sections 2 and 3 of this bylaw the rescheduled game will be played in the city it was originally scheduled for.
- (d) All attempts will be made by the Division Schedulers to schedule two games in one day within the city for all teams that have to travel.

Section 11: The APSL will attempt to schedule games on both Saturday and Sunday based on field availability and the wishes of the Member Teams and Division Directors.

- (a) All member Teams must be prepared to play two games per weekend.

Bylaw 606: Schedules

Section 1: Each Division Scheduler will create a schedule of games for their respective divisions.

- (a) The Division Director and Member Teams will determine the number of games to be played throughout the seasonal year.

Section 2: The Division Schedulers will send the schedule to the Web Master for posting on the league web site.

Section 3: All Member Teams will play their schedules as listed on the web site.

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- (a) Any Member Team changing their games pursuant to Bylaw 605, Section 3a1 must contact the web master for posting on the league web site.

Section 4: It is the Member Teams responsibility to ensure that they have a current schedule.

Section 5: Division Schedulers will make all attempts to schedule two games in one day for all teams traveling from their home city to compete.

Section 6: The Division Scheduler may block out certain weekends designated by the Division Director and Member Teams as having conflicts with the following:

- (a) Tournaments voted on by the Member Teams within a division as a class one- (1) tournament that the majority of the division will be attending.
- (b) Those weekends where certain Member Teams have been invited to the tournament, i.e. Wags, Dallas Cup, etc.
- (c) Those weekends where the local schools will be conducting PSAT's, ACT's and/or any other testing required by the players for educational purposes.
- (d) The Division Director in conjunction with the Member Teams affected may have certain games rescheduled in accordance with Bylaw 605, Section 3 for other educational purposes.

Bylaw 607: Game Results

Section 1: It is the responsibility of each Member Team to obtain sufficient game sheets from the Division Statisticians.

- (a) The Member Team listed first on the schedule will be designated the Home team and is responsible for providing the game sheet to both the opposing Coach and game Referee.

Section 2: It is the responsibility of the winning Team to ensure that the Division Statistician receives the game sheet prior to 7:00 AM on Wednesday following the game day.

- (a) The game sheet may be faxed, e-mailed or hand carried to the Division Statistician.

Section 3: It is the winning teams responsibility to ensure that the game sheet is accurate.

- (a) All league stats will be taken from the game sheets only and no changes will be allowed once the game sheet has been sent to the division statistician.

Bylaw 608: Game Locations

All league games will be played at the locations listed on the schedule that is posted on the web site.

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- (a) All attempts will be made by the Fields Coordinator to locate multiple field locations for APSL games.
- (b) The Fields Coordinator will meet with the Division Schedulers to ensure that an equal number of teams from each division play at the same locations.

Bylaw 609: Referees

Section 1: The Referee Assignor will ensure that all referees assigned APSL games are licensed as required by the AYSA and ARA.

Section 2: It is the responsibility of the Referee Assignor to ensure that only those referees of the highest caliber are assigned games played in the APSL.

Section 3: It is the responsibility of each Member Teams Head Coach to advise the Vice President of this league of all referees deemed unqualified to referee games of the caliber of play in the APSL.

- (a) The Vice President will then meet with the Referee Assignor to investigate the allegation and discuss the future use of the referee.
- (b) Any Head Coach found to be making a disgruntled complaint will be disciplined by the Board of Directors.
 - (b1) The discipline may be up to removal from the league if the Head Coach is found to be making false statements.

Section 4: The referees will officiate all games in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

- (a) The referee may however issue a "soft red card" if in his/her opinion it is warranted.
 - (a1) Any player issued a "soft red" must exit the game and cannot be replaced for the remainder of the game. The player however will not have to serve a game suspension.
 - (a2) The referee upon issuing a "soft red" will insure that he has advised both coaches that the issued red card was a "soft red" and note on the game sheet.

Section 5: The referees will be paid prior to the start of the match.

- (a) The Referee Assignor will advise all Member Teams of the fee per match for one referee and two assistant referees.
 - (a1) The Referee Assignor will meet with the Division Directors and Member Teams prior to the start of the seasonal year to determine the fee to be paid to referees.
- (b) Each Member Team is responsible for one-half of the Referee's fees as follows:
- (c) The fee will be paid as follows:
 - (c1) The home team will pay the Center Referee.
 - (c2) The away team will pay the two Assistant Referees.

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Bylaw 610: Discipline

- Section 1:** It is the intent of the APSL to provide a competitive atmosphere for the players within the APSL. It is also the intent of the APSL to keep all players, coaches officials and spectators as safe and injury free as possible.
- Section 2:** All games will be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game except as amended in these bylaws.
- Section 3:** All discipline involving a Red Card to any player, and/or the ejection of any head coach, assistant coach, trainer and/or spectator shall be handled immediately after the game by a committee composed of the following:
- (a) The Head Coach of the opposing team.
 - (a1) If both teams have received red cards one will be heard prior to the other.
 - (b) Any Member Team's Head Coach that is not involved in the game that is on site.
 - (c) One APSL Officer.
 - (d) The Referee.
 - (d1) The referee will give an account of the infraction and will not have a vote on discipline handed out.
 - (e) In the event that there is no other neutral Head Coach on site, the APSL Officer may designate any other person not involved with the offending team to serve on the committee.
 - (f) In the event that no APSL Officer is on site the referee may designate another person to serve on the committee.
 - (g) The committee after hearing the infraction shall mete out discipline in accordance with Section 5 of this bylaw.
- Section 4:** For the good of the game the APSL shall have Zero Tolerance for the following infractions:
- (a) Striking an Official by any Player, Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Trainer and/or Parent.
 - (a1) Violation of this will result in removal from the league and a report sent to the AYSA.
 - (b) Striking a Player by any Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Trainer and/or Parent.
 - (b1) Violation of this will result in removal from the league and a report sent to the AYSA.
 - (c) Offensive and/or Obscene language by any Player, Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Trainer and/or Parent.
 - (c1) First notice will result in a verbal warning.
 - (c2) Second notice will result in a yellow card.
 - (c3) Third notice will result in a red card.
 - (d) Racial Slurs
 - (d1) Violation of this rule will result in an immediate red card.

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- (e) Derogatory and/or abusive language towards the Referee and/or Assistant Referees.
 - (c1) First notice will result in a verbal warning.
 - (c2) Second notice will result in a yellow card.
 - (c3) Third notice will result in a red card.

Section 5: The order of discipline for players and/or any coach, assistant coach, trainer, manager or parent will be as follows:

- (a) Verbal Warning.
- (b) Removal from the game.
- (c) Suspension of one (1) game.
- (d) Suspension of more than one game.
 - (d1) Determined by the on site discipline committee.
 - (d2) Based upon the severity and intent of the infraction.

Section 6: Any player receiving a red card must sit the next scheduled **APSL game**.

- (a) The sitting player must be brought to the attention of the Head Referee and notation made on the scoresheet to the fact that the player sat the game.
- (b) Any player upon receiving a 2nd and each subsequent Red Cards will be required to sit the next three scheduled **APSL games**.

Section 7: Any Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager or Parent receiving a send-off must sit the next 2 scheduled APSL games.

- (a) Any Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager, Trainer or parent that has been sent off is to leave the game facility immediately.
- (b) Any Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager, Trainer or parent IS NOT allowed to show up to the field for his/her next two scheduled games.
 - (b1) Any Member found violating this section 7 b, will be suspended for the remainder of the seasonal year or a minimum of 5 games.
- (c) The designated coach of record will advise the head referee that the Coach, Asst. Coach, Manager, Trainer or Parent is sitting the send-off and verify that the offender is not present at the field.

Section 8: The APSL will have a five yellows equals one red policy regarding yellow cards.

- (a) Each Division Statistician will keep an accurate count of all yellow cards issued.
- (b) When a player has reached three (3) yellow cards the Division Statistician will contact the affected players head coach and advise him/her that the player has three yellows.
- (c) When a player has accumulated a total of five yellow cards the Division Statistician will contact the affected players head coach and the league President. The league President will then contact the Head Coach and advise him/her that the affected player must sit out the next game the team is to play.

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(c1) This includes any Premier Cup game.

Section 9: It will be the responsibility of the Referee Coordinator to ensure that all referees assigned to officiate APSL games are aware of these bylaws, especially those having to do with zero tolerance.

Section 10: Any player, head coach, assistant coach, trainer, manager or parent found to violate any bylaw or section of these bylaws will be brought in front of the Board of Directors for a hearing.

(a) The Board of Directors may call any witness to speak at the hearing.

(b) The alleged violator may call any witness to speak at the hearing.

(c) After hearing all evidence presented the Board of Directors will make a determination of the discipline to be handed out.

(c1) Unless the violated bylaw has a specific punishment the Board of Directors will determine the punishment, which may be any of the following:

(c1a) Verbal Warning.

(c1b) Suspension.

(c1c) Removal from the league.

Bylaw 611: Protests

Section 1: Any team wishing to protest any contest except Premier Cup games must contact the league President and the Division Director within four (4) hours after the end of the game to be protested and advise him of the protest. The protesting team will then have twenty-four (24) hours from the time of notification to the president to present a written account of the protest to the President along with a check in the amount of \$250.00.

(a) The President upon being contacted that a game is being protested will arrange to meet with the protesting Head Coach to meet and receive the written protest and protest fee of \$250.00.

(b) After receiving the written protest and fee the President will then set a hearing date, which cannot be more than forty-eight (48) hours from receipt of the written complaint.

(c) The President will convene a Hearing Board consisting of the President, Division Director of the affected division and one (1) other person chosen by the President.

(d) The hearing board will listen to all facts surrounding the protest and render a decision.

(e) After hearing the facts the board will decide to:

(e1) Uphold the protest.

(e2) Deny the protest.

(f) If the Board upholds the protest the Division Director will decide when and where the game will be replayed.

(f1) It is also the Division Directors responsibility to advise the other team affected of the boards decision and game reschedule.

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(f2) The Board will then authorize the President to return the \$250.00 protest fee check back to the protesting team.

(g) If the Board denies the protest the Division Director will so advise the other affected team and the game result will stand.

(g1) The Board will then authorize the President to give the \$250.00 protest fee to the league treasurer for deposit into the league account.

Section 2: The findings of the Hearing Board are final and no further protests are allowed.

Bylaw 612: Premier Cup

Section 1: The APSL will host a Premier Cup Tournament at the end of the regular season to determine a division champion which will be run by the Premier Cup Director.

(a) The Premier Cup Director will determine when the Premier Cup will be played.

(b) The Premier Cup Director will determine the format of play to determine a Division Champion.

(c) The Cup will be played in accordance of all the rules governing tournaments as set forth by the AYSA, USYSA and FIFA.

Bylaw 613: Arizona Premier Tournament

Section 1: The Premier Cup Director will create and run the Arizona Premier Tournament.

Section 2: All attempts will be made to make this one of the premier tournaments in the United States.

Section 3: All APSL teams are to participate.

Section 4: The Premier Cup Director shall decide the tournament fee.

Section 5: The Premier Cup Director, Division Directors, and Member Teams will meet to determine which teams from those applying are suitable for participation in this tournament.

Section 6: The Premier Cup Director will ensure that all paperwork required by the AYSA is completed and submitted for approval in a timely manner.

(a) The Premier Cup Director in the first year of the tournament may only invite teams from within the State of Arizona.

(b) In all subsequent years the Premier Cup Director will attempt to have as many of the premier teams from other States and Countries participate.

Section 7: One-half of the proceeds from the tournament will go towards the moneys given to the teams attending regionals to help defray expenses.

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Section 8: One-fourth of the proceeds from the tournament will go towards creating a "scholarship fund" for players that need assistance.

Section 9: One-fourth of the proceeds from the tournament will go into the leagues general fund for operating expenses.

PART VII

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Bylaw 701: Proposing Amendments

Section 1: Any member in good standing with the league may propose any change to these Bylaws.

Section 2: All proposals for changes must be received by the league secretary in writing no later than thirty (60) days prior to the AGM.

Section 3: Any proposed Bylaw that passes a vote of the membership will become effective at the close of the AGM in which it was passed.

Bylaw 702: Voting Requirements

Section 1: Any Member as defined in Bylaw 202 Section 2 in good standing may vote at the AGM for any Bylaw changes.

Section 2: It shall be the responsibility of the league Secretary and Treasurer to compile a list of all Team Members in good standing and eligible to vote.

Section 3: Pursuant to Bylaw 202 Section 2 only the Head Coach of any member Team may vote at the AGM.

Bylaw 703: Effective Date

Section 1: These bylaws will become effective after a majority vote of the current membership of the Arizona Girls Premier Soccer League.

Section 2: Any changes proposed and voted on that are accepted will become effective immediately after the vote.

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RATIFIED THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 2003

Thomas Mora, President

David Ludwig, Vice President

Jesse Larimer, Secretary

Nancy Hayes, Treasurer

Matt Smith, Girls Div Director

Steve Cooke, Boys Div Director

Alan Sapakie, Premier Cup Dir.