

Raytown Soccer Club

By-Laws

Article I

All teams under the jurisdiction of this Club shall play under the rules of the games as approved by this Club and recognized by MYSA, USYSA, and USSF, unless otherwise stated herein.

Article II

Every team shall have jurisdiction over its own internal affairs, except as herein stated otherwise.

Article III

Section 1 Players under the jurisdiction of this Club shall be youth or amateur. The statute, rights, privileges and responsibilities of these players shall be laid down by MYSA, USSF and USYSA.

Section 2 All youth and amateur players shall be registered with this Club on appropriate forms as adopted by this Club.

Section 3 Player registration shall be at the beginning of each season. There shall be two regular seasons each year with the spring season commencing approximately March 1st and the fall season commencing approximately August 15th.

Section 4 A player/coach must have the registration form, birth certificate and club fee to the registrar seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the first game to ensure the players pass will be printed by the first game of that player. Player/coaches passes are to have photo attached, be signed by the person it is issued to and be laminated by the first game of the season. Players in U6 may print or a parent may sign for that child. Passes will be checked before the start of each game. If teams do not have player passes at the start of game, they will have until the end of the game to provide player passes or it will be a forfeit. Playing a non-registered player shall result in forfeiture of the game and a full two game suspension of the Coach. A player listed on the official lineup card shall be considered as a competing player whether he plays or not.

Section 5 No team shall have more than the MYSA allowed number of players on their team roster.

Section 6 A registered player shall not play for any other team other than the team with which he is registered without first being properly released. All competitive players playing on two (2) competitive teams must furnish the Registrar with a completed dual roster form that is required by MYSA before the first game is played. All parties involved in playing a player not properly released are subject to suspension at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Section 7 A player's registration with a team can be terminated only by mutual consent or by authority of the Board of Directors. Any competitive player desiring their release shall obtain a MYSA supplement team roster form (additions & deletions from rosters) from the Registrar.

Upon receiving, signing and dating by the Registrar it will become official. If a team refuses to grant a release, the player shall bring the matter to the attention of the Board in writing.

- Section 8 To be eligible for division play-offs and championship games with a team, a player must be both properly registered and must have participated with that team for at least three (3) games.
- Section 9 No player shall be allowed to register so as to eligible to play in the last two (2) games of the season, except in cases where a team cannot field a full team. Playing any ineligible player shall result in a two (2) game full suspension of the Coach.
- Section 10 Solicitation of any registered player is prohibited.
- Section 11 A previously registered player shall be considered a new player after having not played more than a full season with any team and having no outstanding obligations to his former team.
- Section 12 Every member of a recreational team present at the start of a game will play a minimum of approximately one-half of the game.
- Section 13 Competitive coaches may choose their own players as long as they follow MYSA guidelines. These teams will be rostered as competitive teams and the division chairman may not pull from these teams for any reason including to fill the recreation teams.
- Section 14 Uniforms may be worn to tournaments and indoors with the sponsor approval. A fee (approved by the Board of Directors) will be charged for the rental of Raytown Soccer Club uniforms.
- Section 15 Players still in the 8th grade that are 14 years old before August 1st may participate in the U14 division. The division will then be referred to as a U15. These players must furnish proof at the time of registration that they are in the 8th grade. No teams may roster more than three (3) U-15 8th graders.

Article IV

The Club shall be divided into Divisions. These Divisions will be determined by ages as follows: U-19, U-16, U-14, U-12, U-10, U-8 and U-6. These Divisions will be determined by ages as of August 1 of the year involved. Exceptions to this shall be approved by the Division Chairpersons and the President of this Club.

Placement of new players-

Instructional - all ages - by school, location or need. Players will be placed fairly. This means placement by school. Location will be used if there is not room on the school team. Need - Players need rides, family member, care before or after soccer activities. These players cannot indicate which team, only that they need to be together.

Developmental U-10 & Younger - By parents indication on registration forms. This division is for players who have mastered the basic skills for their age group and are ready for a more challenging atmosphere. Schools, location and need will be used when possible if there is more than one team. Selection is not made by coaches.

Developmental U-11 and Older - Competitive coaches may have tryouts and select their own players at the start of each seasonal year and may add to their team when needed. They must follow MYSA rules to avoid recruitment charges. Teams that play in this division who are carded Recreational are to follow the rules in U-10 & Younger developmental. Players can indicate their choice of teams at registrations, final selection is made by the coach.

Coaches are not to drop registered players, no matter which division they are in. Only parents can request a player to be moved or dropped. The board holds the option to move players. Teams are to be ready by the coaches meeting each season.

Article V

All Club games played by members of this Club shall be under the jurisdiction of this Club and no member team or registered player thereof shall participate in any other soccer games unless permission is granted by the Board of Directors or unless such game is a “friendly” or “practice game” and does not involve any type of tournament or play-off competition.

Article VI

Section 1 Players registered on a team having disbanded shall be placed on another team by the Division Chairperson.

Section 2 In case a team officially disbands during a season, all un-played games and team standings in the Club shall be forfeited.

Article VII

Section 1 The President of this Club shall form an Emergency Committee on matters demanding immediate attention where it is impractical or impossible to call a Board meeting. This Emergency Committee may exercise the power of the Board of Directors.

Section 2 Decisions reached by this Emergency Committee shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and if withheld, shall invalidate their actions insofar as they are executory.

Article VIII

Section 1 All Club games shall be refereed by authorized persons approved by this Club except as provided by Sections 2 and 4 of this Article.

Section 2 In case the official referee fails to appear, a referee may be appointed by mutual consent of the two teams concerned. This substitute referee is entitled to the regular fee.

Section 3 Fees for referees shall be set by this Club for the season in which the games are played.

- Section 4 If a referee should become incapacitated during the progress of a game from any cause that would prevent him from continuing, he shall turn the game over to another person, mutually agreed upon, who shall conduct the game to its conclusion.
- Section 5 Referees shall be responsible for reporting game scores and other required information on official game report cards to this Club within twenty-four (24) hours after the game. All games played under protest by the team shall be noted on this card.
- Section 6 The official referee(s) shall be the sole judge on the field of play and his/her decisions shall be final. Any complaints about any referee shall be directed in writing to the President or the Club Administrator.
- Section 7 Referees are not to retain passes. Once check they are to be returned to the Coach.
- Section 8 If a red card is issued, the pass still remains with the Coach. The suspension is to be noted on the game card by the player's name and on the back in the area allocated for "Cards Issued".

Article IX

- Section 1 Any player or team official alleged to have been guilty of a violation of the laws of the game, the By-Laws, rules and regulations of this Club, MYSA, USSF, and/or USYSA or any misconduct detrimental to the game shall be subject to review by the Trial & Protest Committee of this Club.
- Section 2 The Trial and Protest Committee of this Club shall have five (5) members. It shall be chaired by the President and shall be comprised of the appropriate Vice President, opposite Division Chairperson, Administrator and Secretary. If a RSC's Board member of the Trial and Protest Committee is directly involved in the game under protest, the President may appoint a replacement to sit on the Committee for that protested game. An appeal may be taken to the Board of Directors on matters regarding more than a one (1) year suspension.
- Section 3 Any team protesting a game must go through its team representative or Coach to convey such a protest to the referee before leaving the field of play.
- Section 4 A formal protest in writing, accompanied by a filing fee (to be set at the beginning of each year by the Board of Directors), stating all known facts, shall be filed with the Trial and Protest Committee within three (3) days after the game. A hearing date will be scheduled by the President within one week of the filing date. The filing fee will be funded to the team representative, if the Trial and Protest Committees decision is in their favor, otherwise, the fee will be forfeited to this Club.
- Section 5 Protests based on late starts shall be filed with the referee prior to the start of the game.
- Section 6 Notwithstanding Section 1, protest based on ineligible players shall be filed no later than two (2) weeks after the facts of his/her participation become known.

- Section 7 A formal protest, once filed, can be withdrawn by submitting the withdrawal in writing to the Trial and Protest Committee no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the filing date. The filing fee will be refunded.
- Section 8 The opposing team Coach shall be notified of all protests against his team at the time of the game or as soon as possible after the game by the Division Chairperson.
- Section 9 The decision of the Trial and Protest Committee is final.
- Section 10 Complaints against another team or referee shall be handled by the Trial and Protest Committee and shall be directed in writing to this Committee.
- Section 11 A written record shall be made of all trials, protests or complaints acted upon by the Trial and Protest Committee. These records shall be turned over to the Secretary to be filed with other Club papers and documents.

Article X

- Section 1 Any player ordered off the field in a game under the jurisdiction of this Club will be suspended for the duration of the game as determined by the referee.
- Section 2 Any player ordered off the field in a game under the jurisdiction of this Club for fighting, striking, intentional kicking of another player, rough and/or violent play or other severe or dangerous violations shall be suspended for the remainder of the game, plus the next game and this case may be reviewed by the Trial and Protest Committee.
- Section 3 Any player, Coach or team representative guilty of using profanity, obscenity or any other improper language to referees, Club officials, other players and Coaches or spectators at a game under the jurisdiction of this Club may be suspended for any number of games or an entire season or seasons at the discretion of the Trial and Protest Committee.
- Section 4 Any player(s) involved in fighting after a Club game may be suspended for any number of games or seasons at the discretion of the Trial and Protest Committee.
- Section 5 Any player, Coach or team representative intentionally striking, attacking or physically abusing a referee or linesman shall be immediately referred to the Trial and Protest Committee for action.
- Section 6 A suspended player shall not participate in any type of game whatsoever. Exhibition or tournament games cannot be credited to the length of suspension. A suspended player shall not participate in the replay of a game in which he/she was suspended if replayed for any reason.
- Section 7 Any Coach ordered from the field for dissent or abusive language shall be suspended for the remainder of the game being played plus the game to follow and this case may be reviewed by the Trial and Protest Committee.

Section 8 A written record shall be made of all trials, protests or complaints acted upon by the Trial and Protest Committee. These records shall be turned over to the Secretary to be filed with other Club papers and documents.

Article XI

This Club shall recognize suspensions and other rulings of co-equal bodies of which it is officially notified and which are sanctioned by MYSA, USSF and USYSA.

Article XII

All games shall start at the scheduled time. If a team fails to field at least seven (7) players within a grace period of fifteen (15) minutes, that team shall forfeit the game to the opposing team by the score of 1-0. Referees shall report all delays to this Club.

Article XIII

Section 1 Any Team desiring the postponement of any scheduled game must first obtain sanction of the Administrator. That team Coach shall contact the Coach of the opposing team and if such postponement cannot be mutually agreed upon, the game must be played as scheduled.

Section 2 It will be the responsibility of the Administrator to make arrangements for officiating of the rescheduled games due to postponement.

Section 3 Any team refusing or failing to play any game without complying with the By-Laws shall forfeit the game.

Article XIV

If for any reason a game is not played the full time, the Board of Directors shall have the power to either reschedule the game, order the game to stand as played or have the remaining minutes played off at a later date, depending on the cause of the game being incomplete.

Article XV

If an occasion arises that is not fully covered by these By-Laws or interpretations thereof, the Board of Directors has absolute power to decide such cases and their decision shall be final so long as they do not conflict with MYSA, USSF or USYSA.

Article XVI

Section 1 Team standings in this Club shall be determined by a point system. Two (2) points given for a win, one (1) for a tie and zero (0) points for a loss.

Article XVII

Section 1 The Club will follow MYSA and USYSA regulations governing Coaches training and licensing. The following sections supplement those regulations, but do not override them.

Section 2 Each season a Coaches clinic will be provided for the beginning Coaches. Each Coach must complete the "F" license clinic before the second season of coaching begins.

Section 3 Training for referees will be provided as determined by the Administrator.

Section 4 Each session an orientation clinic will be offered to parents new to soccer or new to this Club. The purpose of the clinic will be to provide them an understanding of the game of soccer, its rules and the roles of its participants, as well as the purpose and operation of this Club.

Article XVIII

Section 1 Members of this Club are expected to conduct themselves in an ethical manner in all Club activities. Board members, Coaches and Referees are also asked to avoid whenever possible any behavior which suggests unethical action or conflict of interest.

Section 2 The guidelines in the Official Administrative Rulebook of the USSF shall be used to help determine ethical behavior in any situation not listed in this article.

Section 3 A Trial and Protest Committee shall handle complaints of unethical behavior as provided for in Article XI. If the behavior is not game related, the President shall appoint an appropriate person to the committee in place of the Division Chairman.

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