



Redding Youth Soccer League North State Soccer Policies and Procedures

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Article 1: Purpose and Authorities

- 1.01 These Policies and Procedures serve as a supplement to the Constitution, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures for the Redding Youth Soccer League (RYSL).
- 1.02 The North State Soccer (NSS) Competitive Club Program, hereinafter referred to as NSS, is the competitive program with the RYSL. The NSS exists to give opportunities to those youth within our community that have demonstrated a high level of competency within the game and are seeking to apply, and expand their skills, beyond what the local recreation level games can provide.
- 1.03 The NSS program is governed by the RYSL Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the BOARD. Any conflicts within these policies and the general Policies and Procedures of the RYSL will be settled by the BOARD and will be addressed through the issuance of a temporary policy that will be reviewed at the RYSL Annual General Meeting (AGM) in accordance with the RYSL policy on Amending and Revising policies or procedures.
- 1.04 The Competitive Development Academy (CDA) shall exist within the NSS as a bridge program to prepare U10 age group, and below, players for the competitive play environment. This program is based upon sufficient numbers of interested younger players to create an adequate training environment.
 - a. The CDA may have such positions established as deemed necessary by the BOARD to ensure its success. The CDA should have an Academy who will coordinate with the DOC or VP-OPS regarding the overall CDA program.
 - b. The CDA is exempt from minimum required game and tournament policies.
- 1.04 The BOARD shall be responsible for and have authority to interpret and enforce these Policies and Procedures.
- 1.05 All disciplinary action taken by the BOARD shall be considered private business.
- 1.06 Any business that singles out BOARD members, coaches, players, or any other individual, including approvals of coaches for positions within NSS, shall be considered private business.

Article 2: Name & Official Colors

- 2.01 The Competitive Club Program within the RYSL shall be known as North State Soccer, also referred to as NSS.
- 2.02 The representative colors of the NSS shall be Red, Black and White. No other colors shall be worn in competition by our teams without approval of the BOARD.

Article 3: NSS Philosophy

- 3.01 The focus of NSS is to develop soccer players and by focusing on the four pillars of soccer: Technical, Tactical, Psychological and Physical. Players at a young age are like sponges and it is our responsibility to make sure they learn to love the game and develop positive habits and attitudes, which provide the foundations for soccer – and life - excellence down the road. As players grow they will need positive reinforcement of these pillars throughout their tenure with the NSS program.
- 3.02 The NSS program will stress player development versus winning. It will be the program’s philosophy that it is more important to develop players within the proper framework of their age, as opposed to demanding that teams win at all costs. The goal of NSS isn’t to accumulate wins by utilizing shortcuts at the expense of developing the players within the team environment. By focusing on developing the players within a team environment the all NSS players will be more successful in the game and in life.
- 3.03 We recognize that one of the most important aspects of youth sports is the opportunity to teach important life-lessons to impressionable children. All players have the opportunity to benefit from the values taught through teamwork, effort, responsibility, and commitment. NSS understands that children learn from and are influenced by the adults involved in our organization. Accordingly we demand the highest standard of behavior from every contributor to NSS, whether they be a member of the BOARD, a coach, volunteer helper, or other contributor.

Article 4: Acceptance of Policies and Procedure

- 4.01 All persons accepting a position within the NSS program, including Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Team Managers, players, or other volunteer and/or contracted positions, shall abide by the NSS Policies and Procedures as well as the RYSL Policies and Procedures. Failure to follow any of these policies is grounds for disciplinary action up to and including removal from any and all RYSL programs.

Article 5: Coaching Restrictions, Applications and Selection Process

- 5.01 Annually, the BOARD will advertise the process required to be considered for one of the competitive coaching positions. Information provided will include:
1. How to apply for a coaching position
 2. Timetable for application and selection
 3. Criteria for selection

- 5.02 All coaches interested in coaching at the competitive level must submit an application to the RYSL Director of Coaching (DOC) by the advertised deadline to be considered for any available positions.
- 5.03 The DOC and the Vice President - Operations (VP-OPS) will review the applications and evaluation material from the prior season (if applicable) such as coaching surveys, training and match evaluations, and documented issues from the prior season to aid in approving coaches for the new season. All coaching assignments shall be presented to, and approved by, the BOARD.
- 5.04 All applicants, including those not accepted, will be notified within five (5) weeks of the application deadline date. This will allow for approval of the coaching positions by the BOARD at the next regular BOARD meeting. If a final decision has not been made by that time, applicants will be advised of the reasons for the delay.
- 5.05 All “new” coaches (new is defined as the first season in a head coach position within the NSS Program) will have a one (1) year probationary period where they may be removed by an unanimous vote of the BOARD.
- 5.06 The BOARD may make exceptions for any special situations not covered above.
- 5.07 All head coaches must meet the minimum educational and coaching requirements as stipulated by the BOARD.
- 5.08 NSS head coaches may only be listed as a head coach on a single NSS team roster. Head coaches may be listed as an assistant coach on other team rosters.
- 5.09 No coach may coach or manage with a team in another youth soccer organization (excluding school programs) without written approval from the BOARD. Further, no Coach may hold a position on the board of any youth soccer club/league, excluding RYSL.
- 5.11 All selected coaches that are required to complete, or update, a background check for credentialing purposes shall be reimbursed for any associated fees by NSS.

Article 6: Head Coach Definition and Duties

- 6.01 Each team shall have a designated head coach and should have at least one assistant coach.
- 6.02 Definition of a Head Coach
While many of the listed tasks can be delegated to others, the ultimate responsibility for the team still lies with the head coach.
 - a. Is presented to the parents, within NSS and outside the program as the person in charge and the official point of contact for the team.

- b. Makes final decisions on game times, practices, tournaments, team fundraisers, team social events, etc.
 - c. Provides the practice plans and/or themes for the team staff and players.
 - d. Sets final team budget (preferably with parent input).
 - e. Communicates with players and parents through such means as emails, apps, phone calls, etc.
 - f. Communicates with opposing teams regarding game details such as times, locations, uniforms, etc.
 - g. Ensures players are using appropriate equipment.
 - h. Makes final decisions where team related, and/or game play conflicts arise.
 - i. Ensures that RYSL, NSS, league and association bylaws and policies are adhered to.
 - j. Composing written player evaluations (if utilized).
- 6.03 Prior to the announcement of tryouts, the Head Coach of each team shall submit to the NSS Director of Coaching for approval a list of their anticipated coaching staff, along with the qualifications of those individuals.

Article 7: NSS Coaching Philosophy

- 7.01 Consistent with the NSS Philosophy all NSS coaches shall embrace this coaching philosophy. The NSS will strive to develop players who are technically able to handle the ball under pressure, are able to retain the ball as a team and recover it as fast as possible when lost. All members of NSS shall strive to uphold this common philosophy.
- 7.02 Winning games is not considered to be a primary objective. Winning is considered to be the result of the application of good technique and good tactics. Good ball skills demand the use of both feet with equal ability. Since many players demonstrate the use of a dominant leg at a very early age, emphasis must be added during all exercises to force the use of the non-dominant or “weaker” leg. Good tactics demand the ability to think and to react quickly. Whereas the coach can teach and drill tactics and proper decision-making, it is the players themselves who must achieve a true mental understanding of what is expected. The players learn this through playing the game and being allowed to make mistakes in game situations free from overly harsh retribution from the coaching staff.
- 7.03 Except for subtle tactical points during a match, coaching should be done at practice. Positive body language, rather than pacing, prowling and yelling from the sideline, helps the players’ confidence in their abilities and their ability to think for themselves and that will get them through the high-pressure periods. Coaches

who behave with calm dignity -- instead of bouncing around, gesticulating and screaming -- look like coaches who know they've done well to prepare their teams and can trust their players at game time. RYSL, and specifically NSS, encourages all coaches to sit and, at least try to, relax during matches.

Article 8: Coach and Team Evaluations

- 8.01 A Coaching Survey will be distributed to all players, player's parents or guardians at the close of the season to aid the BOARD in selecting and placing coaches for the following season.
- 8.02 A Mid-Season Coaching Survey may be distributed to aid in coaching evaluation and improvement. The Mid-Season Coaching Survey will be left to the discretion of the DOC with concurrence of the VP-OPS.
- 8.03 The DOC, or any BOARD member, may perform periodic, random, and unannounced observations and evaluations on the quality and technical level of training sessions and matches to ascertain the current state of the team. These observations will help identify any areas that require improvement for coaches and teams within the NSS program. Feedback from the evaluation will be given to the head coach if the observation warrants attention.

Article 9: Team Formation

- 9.01 Teams are formed following the conclusion of the spring league season. This is typically in the latter half of May. A team is formed for a league year that begins with the fall league season and runs through the end of the spring league season.
- 9.02 The DOC will be responsible for setting up the tryout session plans (format and exercises) to be used in each age group. These session plans will be communicated to each age group head coach in advance of the tryouts to avoid confusion and/or a display of lack of organization in front of the players and parents.
- 9.03 Tryouts for small-sided age group teams may be run by the DOC or designee. Team coaches are to be available to assist and evaluate in these circumstances.
- 9.04 Every returning team shall provide at least one volunteer to help with tryouts as requested.
- 9.05 If an otherwise eligible player is injured prior to tryouts and is unable to participate due to the injury for their safety and/or the safety of others, that player must still register for Tryouts.
- 9.06 One "master" tryout roster will be kept for each age group (all head coaches will get a copy of the updated roster on a daily basis to use during the tryout evaluation process). NSS will provide numbered pinnies for the purposes of

- tracking players throughout the tryout process. Players should be given the same number at each tryout.
- 9.07 All teams will use the approved NSS tryout evaluation sheet at tryouts. This is to aid the neutral evaluators and BOARD members that attend the various tryouts in providing consistent feedback.
- 9.08 Once tryouts are complete, the VP-OPS will review the tryout roster list for the purpose of removing players that are not eligible based upon these policies and procedures
- 9.09 Upon the completion of tryouts for each age division, all coaches will meet with the DOC and discuss their tentative selections. The DOC will present these rosters to the BOARD for final approval at the regular June BOARD meeting. At this time the feasibility of additional teams beyond the ones approved by the BOARD will be discussed and the DOC, with consensus from the BOARD, will decide if additional teams are warranted.
- 9.10 No member of a team's coaching staff may make an offer to a player prior to approval of the rosters by the BOARD. Any coach found to have made an offer to a player in contradiction of the above stated policies and procedures will be subject to disciplinary action.
- 9.11 Every attempt will be made to coordinate amongst coaches to ensure an otherwise eligible and competitive-caliber player is not restricted from playing in the NSS program due to conflicts between coaches.
- 9.12 Upon approval of team rosters by the BOARD, based on a recommendation by the DOC, all players who attended tryouts will be notified via a professional communication method (email, face to face, letter or phone call) within 3-5 days by each team's head coach or manager. Notification to players not making the roster shall include the reason for not making the roster and suggestions for improvement (or areas to work on).
- 9.13 No player will be added to any competitive team roster without prior approval from the DOC.
- 9.14 Supplemental tryouts will be conducted if the DOC determines they are needed. Supplemental tryouts may be conducted in a less formal fashion than the normal tryout process.
- 9.15 No player should be excluded from participation with NSS due to family hardship (financial or otherwise). Coaches and parents are encouraged to meet with BOARD members to develop a path to participation for the player.

Article 10: Team Formation and Responsibilities

- 10.01 Team formation, as outlined below, will be dependent upon the availability of a sufficient number of appropriately skilled players and kept "age pure" as much as possible.
- a. All teams are encouraged to be completely "age pure".
 - b. All teams must adhere to the NSS "Exceptional Player" policy when offering a spot to a non-age pure player.
 - c. No player shall be offered a position on a team without prior approval of the DOC or the BOARD.
- 10.02 The DOC shall make a recommendation for approval to the BOARD if it is felt that there is sufficient talent to form additional team(s). This may be done before, during or after the final tryout date for that age group.
- a. Additional teams are encouraged to be "age pure", but may be exempted by the BOARD from this requirement upon recommendation by the DOC.
 - b. When multiple teams within an age group are formed, the BOARD will designate one team to be the "first" team. The DOC may designate a Lead Coach to oversee the age group in conjunction with the DOC. Duties and responsibilities of the First Team Coach:
 - i. In conjunction with the DOC, and the Lead Coach if applicable, the first team coach will have final authority over initial roster selections and subsequent player movement. Roster selection and subsequent player movement will be dictated by and in this order:
 1. What is best for the NSS program as a whole
 2. What is best for the individual players
 3. What is best for the teams involved
 4. What is preferred by the parents
 - ii. The first team coach will work with the team's coaches and the DOC to ensure that all teams are training in similar styles to facilitate player when necessary.
 - iii. The first team coach will facilitate regular joint training between the teams and team staffs.
 - c. Teams will be designated Red, Black or White (1st team, 2nd team, etc) with the players being assigned to teams according to ability.
- 10.03 Coaches are responsible for submitting all registration paperwork in a timely fashion. The League Registrar will provide all coaches with a timeline and checklist for the information required to register their teams. Failure to comply with these requirements on schedule will be taken into account when determining placement of coaches for the next season.

10.04 All teams will be named in the same structured manner:

- NSS
- Kaos or Missfits (as appropriate)
- If more than one team exists in an age group the first team will be designated as the Red team; second as Black team; and third as White team.
- Last two digits of the year of birth of the oldest possible player on the roster

Example:

The girls team whose oldest player was born in 1997 would officially be known as the NSS Missfits 97.

Teams must use their full official name when entering any tournaments for league play.

10.05 All teams will submit a written, seasonal budget to the Treasurer at least 48 hours prior to releasing it to the team's parents and players. Budgets should include all tournaments under consideration at that time with their cost, state level cup competition costs, uniform costs and any other major expenses known in advance. Sample budgets are available to coaches that request.

10.06 Coaches shall report all disciplinary issues associated with their team (coach, player, parent or others) within 24 hours to the VP-OPS.

Article 11: Practice Length Restrictions

11.01 U9 through U12 teams should not hold more than four hours per week of mandatory practice time, nor should they start practice before the first day of July. When practicing at California Soccer Park, U13 and below teams should utilize earlier practice timeslots, while the older teams should utilize the later slots.

Article 12: Minimum Playing Time

12.01 NSS acknowledges that the best teacher of the game is the game itself. Players will not develop if not given an opportunity to participate in matches. Further, the NSS acknowledges that families spend a considerable amount of money to participate within this program and have expectations that their player(s) will have the opportunity to participate on an equal basis with the other players within their team, especially in the younger, developmental age groups.

12.02 All teams must adhere to the NSS policy on minimum playing time. Coaches must notify the DOC or the VP-OPS in the case of a disciplinary measure resulting in a player not playing as prescribed. These cases will be noted and tracked for audit trail purposes.

12.03 The following policy will be enforced within NSS and every team, coach and player acknowledges that they have a direct impact on its success:

- a. Unless meeting one of the exceptions listed below, all players participating in small-sided (7v7, 9v9) matches should get approximately 50% playing time within each match (league, cup or tournament).
- b. Unless meeting one of the exceptions listed below, all willing and able players participating in U13-14, full-sided (11v11) matches should get approximately 25% playing time within each match (league, cup or tournament) at a minimum.
- c. Unless meeting one of the exceptions listed below, all willing and able players participating in U15-19, full-sided (11v11) matches should get approximately 10% playing time within each match (league, cup or tournament) at a minimum.
- d. Teams participating in full-sided match play at the Premier Level, or above, are not required to adhere to the minimum playing time policy **with prior written approval of the** BOARD. The Premier Level must be within an NSS approved league.
- e. In situations where teams are playing multiple, shortened matches in a single day or weekend, it is permissible to apply the minimum playing time to the entire event.
- f. Players who meet any of the following situations, may have their playing time reduced at the discretion of the head coach. These situations shall be reported to the DOC or VP-OPS:
 1. Documented unexcused absences from practices or games.
 2. Documented unexcused tardiness or leaving early.
 3. Poor sportsmanship or conduct during practices or matches.
 4. Poor attitude on and off the field impacting the development of the team
 5. Violations of published team/NSS/league policies
- g. Players who are injured/ill, or returning from a recent injury/illness may play with reduced time as deemed appropriate by the head coach to prevent hindering the full return of the player. The head coach has discretion in this situation without the need to report to the DOC.

Article 13: Uniforms

13.01 All teams and players must adhere to the NSS uniform policy and only wear the NSS approved uniform (jerseys, shorts, and socks) - at all events. Any team found violating this policy will be reviewed by the BOARD for the need for disciplinary action.

- a. The only exceptions are friendly scrimmages and “Halloween” tournaments, as long as the apparel/equipment is safe and appropriate per the Laws of the Game.
- b. Teams participating in unsanctioned leagues or events may not wear their NSS uniforms nor use their NSS names.

13.02 Each player kit shall consist of the following minimum items:

- a. One (1) red uniform top
- b. One (1) white uniform top
- c. One (1) red pair of shorts
- d. One (1) black pair of shorts
- e. One (1) pair of red socks
- f. One (1) pair of white socks

13.03 Additional approved, but optional, items:

- a. All black kit for special occasions (championship games)
- b. Individual equipment bag/backpack
- c. Warmups and/or black or red “hoodies”

Article 14: Paid Trainers

14.01 NSS does allow paid trainers in accordance with the policies and procedures described herein. This means the NSS Program, its teams, coaches, assistant coaches or managers are permitted to pay compensation for the instruction of the players on their teams, or allow paid trainers to provide instruction as part of a team function. If a team chooses to do so, they must meet the following requirements:

- a. Team must have approval of the DOC prior to use of paid trainer
- b. Paid trainers should be properly insured.
- c. Paid trainers should hold all proper and necessary permits and licenses from the City, County, school district or other jurisdiction, which may include a business license and a permit to use the field(s) where training occurs.
- d. Meet compliance with AB506.

14.02 NSS recognizes that parents, on their own, may wish to retain private training outside of NSS for the benefit of their children. In the event they choose to do so, NSS offers the following suggestions:

- a. Paid trainers should be properly insured.
- b. Paid trainers should hold all proper and necessary permits and licenses from the City, County, school district or other jurisdiction, which may include a business license and a permit to use the field(s) where training occurs.

Article 15: Exceptional Player Policy

15.01 NSS requires players to participate in the correct, age-appropriate division unless a player age group exception is granted by the BOARD. It is the position of NSS to encourage player development, including both field skills and psychological development, through players participating at the appropriate competitive level and by providing a healthy competitive program with sufficient teams to provide opportunities for all players. Periodically, a player may be identified as being significantly ahead of their peers in skill development and maturity that would benefit from advanced opportunities available only in an older age group.

Playing up is not a “right,” but is rather an exception only used under the criteria outlined below. For an exception to be granted, it must benefit both the child and the NSS program.

NSS follows the age group classifications designated by US Soccer. However, there are situations where NSS will consider player age group exception requests.

The decision to allow a player age group exception is made by the BOARD on a case-by-case basis.

The DOC and involved head coaches will be consulted. The BOARD will be the final arbiter in player age group exception requests.

15.02 Criteria

The BOARD will consider the following factors in determining whether to approve a player age group exception request. These are not all inclusive as other considerations may impact the decision. These are merely guidelines to assist the Board with their decision.

- a. **Exceptionally Skilled Player / Level of play significantly exceeds peer group.** Particularly in the lower age brackets, when only a limited number of players are on a side at one time, an exceptional player may dominate play to the extent that the game is no longer competitive for the player. A player who fits this criteria must dominate play in more than one phase i.e. striking and passing; defending and challenging; defending and striking, etc. Though parents or coaches may often feel that a child is dominant because the child is the best on the team, the exceptionally skilled criteria

apply to the child in relation to the entire NSS program and most other children of his or her age.

- b. **Overall Benefit to NSS.** If there is an overall benefit to NSS for moving a player up, the lower and upper coaches may jointly recommend a player age exception. For example, if the older division needs to fill a coaching vacancy, but the ability of a parent to take on the coaching position is contingent on his or her child moving up, the BOARD may approve it. In unusual situations, NSS may request that a grouping of players move up due to overall numbers balancing across divisions. Additionally, if granting an exception would adversely affect the viability of an NSS team, the exception may be denied.
- c. **Hardship.** In some situations, families with multiple, close in age children are not able to juggle the demands of supervising children in too many different age brackets. Also in cases of financial hardship where one player relies on another player to be able to participate, NSS may allow “play-up” requests for hardship if the player is of a high caliber, has the coach’s approval, and requests to join a particular team.

15.03 Considerations

- a. Older teams are not required to automatically accept players granted a Player Age Group Exception.
- b. A NSS coach who is approached by an “Under Age” player, or their parent/guardian, to try out for their team must advise the player and their parent/guardian of our process, and refer them to this policy.
- c. Players previously granted an exception will be evaluated annually to ensure they are still participating at the appropriate level and age group. Players may have their exception revoked and be required to try out for the age appropriate team.
- d. Returning players who were previously granted an age group exception will still be required to try out with their age appropriate group despite an invitation to continue with the older age group.
- e. As a general rule, U9/U10 players should remain in the “Competitive Development Academy” until their age appropriate team is formed within the program.
- f. Players will NOT be evaluated at tryouts for a potential player age group exception. Players will only be evaluated at matches against appropriate competition.

15.04 Process

- a. Prior to team formation, during the open tryout window, head coaches may invite underage players to their tryout. This shall not preclude the player from trying out with their age appropriate team unless exempted by the DOC with concurrence of VP-OPS.
- b. Parents requesting a player age group exception must submit a Player Age Group Exception Form to the DOC stating the reason for the request. Player Age Group Exception Forms can be obtained through the RYSL website.
- c. Requests made after teams are formed must be submitted no later than the team's third league match or the 15th of September – whichever is earlier. Exceptions may be granted if the BOARD feels that a sufficient number of matches are left on the team's regular season schedule to provide ample time for evaluation.
- d. After receiving the completed Player Age Group Exception Form, the BOARD will assign the DOC, or an independent evaluator, to both confer with the player's current coach and to evaluate the player during regularly scheduled matches against appropriate opponents. The independent evaluator may be an active BOARD member or among the active coaches within NSS.
- e. Observation during a minimum of three matches are required to fulfill the evaluation requirements. Matches must be spread over multiple game days.
- f. Upon completion of the evaluation, the BOARD will review the independent evaluator's notes along with the Player Age Group Exception Form.
- g. Once a decision has been reached by the BOARD, the VP-OPS will notify the requesting party of the decision of the BOARD in writing or by email. The notification will include the decision reached and the basis for the decision. The Vice President shall not divulge the BOARD vote.

Article 16: Use of Guest Players

- 16.01 NSS teams may utilize guest players as needed, within the competition's rules, to help field sufficient players or in cases where a team is in need of additional competitive help. A guest player is defined as any player who does not have a player pass for the team for which they are guest playing for. Guest players from outside NSS must hold an appropriate player pass for the rules of competition.

- 16.02 At no time should guest players displace ready, willing and able rostered players on the team. Guest players are considered supplemental and they are not bound to the minimum playing time policy.
- 16.03 If a NSS team wishes to invite a player to participate as a guest on their team, the coach **shall** first contact the guest player's head coach and seek their approval to allow the guest to play. Coaches **do not** have to release players to participate with another team in cases where the coach believes the player needs to rest, has commitments with their team or other reasons.
- 16.04 Players from within NSS should be given priority over players from another club when a team needs to utilize a guest player.
- 16.05 All guest players must be approved, each time they participate, by the DOC.
- 16.06 It is the team's responsibility to properly complete and submit all necessary guest player paperwork.
- 16.07 At no time may a guest player be utilized to circumvent the policies in Article 10 – Team Formation.

Article 17: Finances

- 17.01 All monies received from NSS activities, team activities (registration fees, fundraisers, donations, etc) or donations shall be deposited with the RYSL Treasurer within 14 days. The treasurer will make available monthly accounting reports for each NSS team and the BOARD. All NSS monies deposited with the treasurer become property of the NSS and are not refundable nor transferable without the approval of the BOARD.
- 17.02 All BOARD officers will have a \$200 expenditure limit (covered by receipts) for the completion of NSS business without the prior approval of the BOARD. These expenses shall be reported at the next meeting of the BOARD. All other BOARD members shall require advanced approval of all expenses. The BOARD shall vote to approve expenses incurred that were not preauthorized.
- 17.03 RYSL shall not be responsible, or liable, for the debts or financial responsibilities, either implied or incurred, of any of its affiliated teams or members. This does not preclude the BOARD from accepting responsibility to assist with these debts or financial responsibilities due to unforeseen circumstances.
- 17.04 Funds deposited with the RYSL Treasurer may only be distributed for team expenses that directly affect the entire team. Team funds may NOT be used for personal expenses. All expenses shall adhere to general non-profit guidelines (i.e. tax deductible donations may not be earmarked), and the direction of the BOARD.
 - a. Examples (not exhaustive) of allowed funds distributions:
 - i. League or tournament entry fees

- ii. Team training equipment
- iii. Team camps or other activities related to team building
- b. Examples (not exhaustive) of fund distributions that are NOT allowed:
 - i. Hotel expenses for individual families
 - ii. Meals or other travel expenses for individual families
 - iii. Personal trainers for individual players

17.06 Disposition of funds from disbanded teams:

- a. Teams aging out:
 - i. Funds from teams that have “aged out” revert to the NSS General Fund upon completion of team activities in their final season, after settling all team debts.
 - ii. Teams that have “aged out” may “gift” any remaining funds to new incoming teams prior to absorption into the NSS general fund.
- b. Teams affected by a reorganization of existing NSS teams:
 - i. Players moving to new teams within NSS will have their portion of the disbanded team’s funds credited to their new teams upon direction of the BOARD.
 - ii. Funds from any players that do not continue with NSS revert to the NSS General Fund upon direction of the BOARD.
- c. Teams with a lack of players or coaching staff:
 - i. Funds will be held within NSS for a period of one year. If a new team is formed within that same age group, they will assume the previous team’s accounts.
 - ii. If no team is formed within one year of the team being disbanded, revert to the NSS General Fund upon direction of the BOARD.
- d. Any situations not specifically covered herein shall be decided by the BOARD

Article 18: Changes and Exceptions to the North State Soccer Policies, Procedures and Operational Directives

18.01 Nothing in these policies prevents the BOARD from invoking temporary policy to resolve conflicts or deal with situations not clearly addressed. Temporary policy will be reviewed at the RYSL AGM for permanent inclusion, or modification, in accordance with RYSL policy.

Club Expectations

Expectations of Teams

All teams within NSS are expected to:

- Respect all players, opponents, coaches and officials.
- Attend at least 3 tournaments per seasonal year (U10 requirement is 2 tournaments)
- Attend at least one state-level Cup competition unless exempted by the Director of Coaching.
- Participation in at least the “Silver” division of play within the statewide league, unless approved by the BOARD. Requests and justifications for an exception to this requirement may be submitted to the DOC for evaluation and approval by BOARD.
- Participate in all Club activities.

Expectations of Coaches

By applying for and being accepted as a coach in the NSS Program, all coaches agree that:

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- My number one priority as a coach is to look out for the safety and welfare of my players. I will never place winning ahead of the safety and welfare of my athletes.
- I will respect all players, coaches and officials.
- Players must be treated with respect. Constructive criticism is part of our job as coaches. However, negative, demeaning or abusive treatment is not welcome.
- Abuse of game officials will not be tolerated, nor will I tolerate it from my players or parent/guardians.
- I will demonstrate knowledge of the laws of the game and will teach these rules to my players. I will not encourage my players to manipulate or break the laws of the game in order to achieve victory.
- I will not coach soccer with any other youth soccer organization (excluding school programs).
- I will not use profane, insulting or abusive language.
- I will not use alcohol, tobacco or drugs at any practice or game.
- I will be on time for practices and games, have an organized practice session prepared and present myself in a professional manner at all times.
- I will respect the decisions of all game officials, even when I disagree with them.

- I will serve as a role model for my players both on and off of the field and demonstrate fair play and sportsmanship at all times.
- I will maintain a positive demeanor with all of our athletes.
- I will treat our visiting teams as honored guests.
- I will hold my team to high standards and ensure that they represent the RYSL with dignity and pride.
- If I am a head coach, I realize that I am ultimately responsible for the conduct of my team's coaches, players and their parent/guardians.

Expectations of Players

Players that accept a position on a NSS team agree:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials, and parents at all times.
- Alcohol, tobacco and drugs are strictly prohibited at all times.
- I will respect all players (my teammates and my opponents).
- I will respect all game officials and their decisions. I understand that abusing an official is strictly prohibited.
- I will treat all coaches (both mine and our opponents) with respect.
- I will attend at least 2 practices a week.
- I will be on time and be prepared for all practice and games. I will let my coach know ahead of time when there is a conflict.
- I will play by and respect the laws of the game.
- I will represent RYSL with dignity and pride both on and off of the field.
- I understand that playing time is not guaranteed. I understand that I can earn and lose playing time by my efforts – or lack thereof - in practice, adherence to team rules, attendance, and prior game performance.
- I will give my best effort at all times.

Expectations of Parents/Guardians

Parents and Guardians of player accepted into the NSS program agree:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, game officials and administrators at all times.
- I will support the coaches and officials at all times in order to create a positive environment for all!
- I will remember that the game is for the players - not the parents.
- I will encourage my child to treat all players, coaches and game officials with respect.
- I will allow the coach to coach. I will cheer from the sidelines...but I will not coach from the sidelines!
- I will treat the opposing fans with respect. I will refrain from engaging in any taunting or arguing with parents and fans from an opposing team.

- I will not come onto the field at any time during a game or practice.
- If I have a question or issue, I will make arrangements with the coach to speak about it away from the team and the field.
- I understand that our coach is a volunteer. I will respect their time and have my child to practice on time, pick up on time and will clearly communicate with the coach if my child will be late or absent to a practice or a game.
- I will refrain from taunting, criticizing and berating game officials.
- I understand that violations of this code of conduct could be grounds for removal from the soccer fields and in some cases removal of my child from RYSL.