

**Article 1: Name**

The name of the organization shall be Nahant Youth Soccer (“NYS”).

**Article 2: Purpose**

The purpose of NYS shall include the promotion of the game of soccer for the youth of the Town of Nahant, through programs for the benefit of the players.

**Article 3: Non-profit Operation**

The association shall be operated on a not-for-profit basis and no part of the assets or earnings of NYS shall inure to the benefit of any office, director, or member.

**Article 4: Affiliation**

NYS shall be affiliated with Massachusetts Youth Soccer (“MYSA”) and shall be bound by its rules and regulations. NYS shall be affiliated with Swampscott Youth Soccer (“SYS”) for Intramural Soccer and Travel Soccer and be bound by SYS rules and regulations for such competition. NYS shall coordinate all Travel Soccer activities through SYS.

**Article 5: Season**

The seasonal year of NYS shall begin on September 1 and shall end on the last day of August of the following calendar year.

**Article 6: Location**

The principal office of NYS shall be the Nahant residence of the President.

**Article 7: General Membership**

Membership in NYS shall be open to any adult resident of the Town of Nahant, without limitation by age, sex, race, color, creed, religion, or national origin.

**Article 8: Membership Meetings**

The annual general membership meeting of NYS shall be held on the first Tuesday of April at the Knights of Columbus or such other time and place the Board of Directors may establish.

Membership meetings are open to the public and shall be posted on the NYS website at least 2 weeks in advance. Additional publication in advance of membership meetings is encouraged.

**Article 9: Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors of NYS (“The Board”) shall be Members and shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Clinic, and any other Directors deemed beneficial by the Board.

The President shall act as Town Director for purpose of MYSA.

The Vice President shall act as Registrar.

The Treasurer shall keep account for all funds of NYS and shall give a financial report at the Membership Meetings and at such Board Meetings as may be appropriate. The funds and the records of account for such funds and properties shall be the property of NYS.

#### **Article 10: Board Meetings**

Board meetings of NYS shall be held as determined necessary by the President, but no less than 4 times per year, inclusive of Membership Meetings.

Scheduled Board Meetings shall be published on the NYS website no less than 2 weeks in advance and are generally open to the membership. Certain specific issues may require a portion of the meeting to be closed to the general membership.

#### **Article 11: Election of the Board of Directors and Officers**

The Board of Directors shall be elected from and by the General Membership at the Annual Membership Meeting. In the event of a vacancy, the Board may appoint a temporary Board Member to serve until the next Annual Meeting. The President shall serve a term of 2 years. All other Directors shall serve terms of 1 year.

#### **Article 12: Disciplinary Actions**

A Board Member may resign at any time by giving a written notice to the President. A Board Member may be expelled or otherwise disciplined for good and sufficient just cause as determined by the affirmation two-thirds vote of the Board present and voting at a special meeting called for such purpose. In any such event, the person whose Directorship is at issue shall be afforded a full and fair opportunity to be heard before the Board of Directors. The determination of whether or not such meeting is open to the General Membership shall be at the discretion of the Board Member in question.

#### **Article 13: Amendment**

These bylaws may be amended at a Meeting of the Membership under the following conditions:

Such intent to amend the bylaws shall be published no less than two weeks prior to the Meeting,

At the Meeting, the Board of Directors shall give a recommendation for or against such Amendment,

There shall be an affirmative two-thirds vote of the specific written wording of such Amendment by the Members present.

#### **Article 14: Dissolution**

NYS may be dissolved in accordance with Chapter 180 of the General Laws and in accordance with all other provisions of law.

The foregoing is hereby certified true and correct on March 8, 2006

President