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ARTICLE I. NAME

By adoption of this Constitution, the members of the organization called the PYSA , D/B/A the Pentucket Youth Soccer Association, and other persons they may elect, do hereby constitute themselves and adopt the name "PYSA" as the official name of the organization. The organization may be referred to as "PYSA" or "Pentucket Youth Soccer Association."

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Pentucket Youth Soccer Association is to foster amateur sports competition by enhancing the level of youth soccer in the Pentucket community, forming teams comprised of players of comparable and compatible abilities, and sponsoring such teams in ECYSA league competition at a level commensurate with the overall competitive capabilities and composition of such teams. The PYSA is formed solely for the aforementioned purpose; as such, it is intended to qualify for exempt status under Section SOI(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE III. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1. PLAYER(S)

For the purpose and intent of this Constitution, the word player (or players) refers to any youth or young adult engaged in, or eligible to be engaged in, any youth soccer program offered by the ECYSA.

SECTION 2. ECYSA

This refers to the organization known as the Essex County Youth Soccer Association. Use of the term in this Constitution refers to the organization itself, its programs, activities and/or the external, sanctioned programs offered by the organization.

SECTION 3. PENTUCKET

This refers to residents (players) and/or soccer related activities of the combined communities of Groveland, Merrimac, and West Newbury.

SECTION 4. PYSA

The Pentucket Youth Soccer Association, as herein described. Also, herein referred to as the Association.

SECTION 5. MYSA

This refers to the organization known as the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association. Use of the term in this Constitution refers to the organization itself, its programs, activities and/or the external, sanctioned programs offered by the organization.

SECTION 6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The voting membership of the Pentucket Youth Soccer Association.

SECTION 7. TEAM ROSTER(S)

A listing of PYSA-approved players assigned to a given team that includes all pertinent team information as specified and required by the MYSA.

SECTION 8. REGISTRATION MATERIALS

All materials, including, but not limited to documents, photos, fees, and other items as may be required by the ECYSA to substantiate and otherwise officially register a roster with MYSA.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION

- A. The membership of the Pentucket Youth Soccer Association shall be comprised of:
 - three representative individuals approved and nominated by the governing soccer club or organization of the Town of Groveland, also known as Groveland Youth Soccer,
 - three representative individuals approved and nominated by the governing soccer club or organization of the Town of West Newbury, also known as West Newbury Youth Soccer Association,
 - three representative individuals approved and nominated by the governing soccer club or organization of the Town of Merrimac, also known as Merrimac Soccer Club.
- B. These members shall be known as the PYSA Board of Directors, herein also referred to as the Board, and shall be empowered with voting privileges as provided for in the Bylaws.
- C. The Board shall be considered the only Standing Committee of the Association.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS

- A. Association members must:
 - 1. Be at least 21 years old.
 - 2. Be nominated by the Director from the soccer club or organization from the Pentucket town (as referenced in Article IV, Section 1. Part A) that each individual will represent.

SECTION 3. TERM OF MEMBERSHIP

- A. Each member of the Pentucket Youth Soccer Association shall serve for a term of one year commencing on the date referenced by the nomination of the above mentioned Article IV, Section 2, Part A, Item 2.
- B. Each member may serve for a maximum of four (4) consecutive terms contingent upon annual denomination per Article IV, Section 2, Part A, Item 2.
- C. A member may, at any time, file a resignation in writing with the President, and it shall become effective as of the date it is filed. The Secretary shall forward a copy of said resignation to the Director of the soccer club or organization from which the member was originally nominated.
- D. The governing soccer club or organization of any club represented by the PYSA may, at any time, revoke the nomination of any individual representative Council member by filing written notification with the PYSA Secretary.

SECTION 4. VACANCIES

- A. In the event that a PYSA Board position becomes vacant by resignation, removal or disability in the course of a normal term, the Board, through the Secretary, will request an approved replacement from the governing soccer club or organization of the town from which the vacancy occurred. It will be the responsibility of the town soccer organization to fill the vacancy within 30 days. The newly authorized replacement member will assume the unexpired term of the previous vacating member.

Membership beyond the term limit will be subject to the provisions of re-nomination as outlined in Article IV, Section 2, Part A.

ARTICLE V. POWERS, OFFICES, MEETINGS SECTION

SECTION 1. POWERS

In accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, its Bylaws, Guidelines and Amendments thereto, the Pentucket Youth Soccer Association shall have the responsibility and power:

1. To select and place eligible players from the Pentucket community on teams comprised of players of comparable and compatible abilities,
2. To select and instate coaches and other managerial personnel associated with the aforementioned teams,
3. To establish with the ECYSA, in accordance with the Operation Rules of that organization, the divisional placement of the aforementioned teams,
4. To determine the location of the *Home Field* for each of the aforementioned teams, with agreement from the local soccer organization of the town in which the field is located,
5. To assist the representative towns of the PYSA in the registration of players,
6. To mediate and resolve conflicts or problems related to PYSA teams, coaches, players and parents.

SECTION 2. OFFICES AND COMMITTEES

- A. The election and installation of officers and committees of the Pentucket Youth Soccer Association shall be subject to the needs and desires of the membership. At minimum, the Association shall elect a President, a Registrar, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. This Constitution will make no requirement that any other specific officers be instated unless specifically so stated in the Bylaws or its Amendments."

SECTION 3. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. President

The shall preside at all meetings of the Pentucket Youth Soccer Association and coordinate the activities of the Board. He/She shall represent the PYSA in meetings and/or by correspondence with other organizations and groups. He/She shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall represent the best interests of the Association in all youth soccer related activities, including those sponsored by the ECYSA. He/She shall perform all other activities as usually pertain to the office.

B. Registrar

1. The Registrar shall preside in the absence of the President, and represent the President at other functions as requested by the President. In the absence of both President and Registrar, the Board shall elect a President from among its membership to act for a period to be determined by

the Board. In addition to the responsibilities herein previously noted, the Registrar shall also function as the PYSA Registration Coordinator, whose duties include the following:

- a. Collection of all PYSA registration materials from each town, including all late PYSA registration materials,
 - b. Delivering all completed Team Rosters and associated forms, as designated by the PYSA Council, to the corresponding Town Director in which town each specific team will be ECYSA registered,
 - c. Maintenance of files and records pertaining to the aforementioned registration materials and rosters.
2. The Registrar may, with the approval of the Board, appoint another individual to perform the duties pertaining to registration.

C. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings, actions and meetings of the PYSA Board, recording the votes and minutes thereof in a book or books to be kept for that purpose. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association and shall give due notice of all meetings of members. The Secretary shall have custody of the original of this Constitution and of the Bylaws and the Guidelines, and of the amendments thereto.

D. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have responsibility for the charge and custody of all receipts, funds, and securities of the Association, and shall be responsible for having them placed in the name of the Association in such depositories as may be designated by the Board, the chief of which shall be called the General Fund, and shall cause to be disbursed such funds of the Association as may be ordered by the Council. The Treasurer shall sign checks and withdrawal slips on behalf of the Association, and the same shall be honored upon the signature of the Treasurer alone, except as otherwise provided in the Bylaws.

The Treasurer shall see that accurate accounts are kept in all books belonging to the Association, that all properly approved bills are paid, and that financial statements and budgets are prepared as required. The Treasurer shall render to the Board, as required, an accurate account of all transactions and financial condition of the Association.

SECTION 4. MEETINGS

- A. The PYSA Board of Directors shall meet at least once each month.
- B. Notification of meeting date, time and place shall be effectively communicated to each member at least one week in advance of the meeting by the PYSA Secretary or President. Notice by mail shall be deemed given when sent to the Council member's last mailing address.
- C. All regularly scheduled meetings will be open to the public unless otherwise specifically voted upon by the Council. Upon consensus of the Council, the PYSA may hold private meetings and may extend specific invitations to individuals to attend any particular meeting.
- D. A quorum shall consist of five members of the PYSA Council with at least one member of each town organization present.
- E. All issues requiring a vote as prescribed by the PYSA Constitution shall require the presence of a quorum.
- F. A member of the Board unable to be present at a meeting may appoint another member of the Board, in writing, as the Board member's proxy. The proxy may take part in discussion and may vote

in the place of the absent member of the Board. While so acting as a proxy for the Board member, the proxy shall be deemed for all purposes to be a member of the Board in lieu of the Board member, but only as a Board member and not otherwise as an officer of the Association.

- G. Except where by law or by this Constitution, a meeting of the members of the Board or their proxies requires their physical presence at the same time and place; the Board may transact business by mail, telephone, electronic mail or in the physical presence of each other, or by any combination of these. Any resolution adopted in such manner by a majority vote of a quorum of the members of the Board (or by such larger vote as may be required by law or by this Constitution or the Bylaws), after due notice is given to its members, shall be deemed and considered the act of the Board as though adopted at a meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE VI. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

The execution of the Powers of the organization, in an effort to accomplish the Mission of the Pentucket Youth Soccer Association, shall be conducted in accordance with the letter and the spirit of the PYSA Guidelines herein ratified as an integral part of this Constitution. Any deviation from Guideline procedures or policies must be approved by a vote of a quorum.

ARTICLE VII. DISSOLUTION

The Pentucket Youth Soccer Association may be dissolved by a vote of at least two thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors. In the event of dissolution, the members of the Board of Directors shall distribute PYSA assets for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

Approved by:

PYSA - President

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Date

PYSA - Treasurer

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