

## Ocean State Soccer School By-Law Change Summary

Per Article IX of the Ocean State Soccer School By-Laws, dated June 28, 2010, the following amendments are offered for the June 2011 AGM.

### **Change 1: Article IV, Section 2 A)**

#### **As Reads:**

A). Playing Members. Any player or referee under the age of eighteen (18) years, who are actively enrolled in this organization shall be considered as non-voting members and shall have no rights, duties or obligation of the management of this organization.

#### **Change to:**

A) Playing Members. Any persons under the age of eighteen (18) years, who are enrolled in any of the Developmental or Competitive programs as outlined in Article VII, shall be considered a playing member for the operating year in which they are enrolled. Playing members have no voting rights nor duties or obligations in the management of this organization. Playing members have the right for equal opportunity in participation except as limited by state or national associations to which the school belongs.

#### **Rationale:**

Conforms to the equal opportunity by-law for youth members in the current US Youth Soccer Association by-laws. Current by-laws are incorrect in stating playing members have no rights. Change brings OSSS in conformity with USYSA.

**NOTE: Proposed Change not supported by the OSSS Board of Directors (already stated in the by-laws in a previous section)**

### **Change 2: Article VI, 1. Sections and Titles**

**As Reads:** The Board of Directors shall consist of Ten (12) members

**Change to:** The Board of Directors shall consist of **Twelve** (12) members

**Rationale:** Align wording with correct number of board members.

**NOTE: Proposed Change supported by the OSSS Board of Directors (correct a typo)**

### **Change 3: Article VI, 3. Meetings**

#### **As Reads:**

3. Meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet monthly. Additional meetings may be called at the discretion of the President. Only members of the Board of Directors shall be able to vote at meetings of the Board of Directors, with the exception of the Director of Technical Training, who is non-voting member of the Board of Directors.

The Annual General Membership (AGM) Meeting shall be held annually between June 15<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Recording Secretary shall notify the voting membership of the date, time, and place of the AGM Meeting by posting it at the concession stand(s) at the Ocean State Soccer fields and by posting it on the Ocean State Soccer website at least four (4) weeks prior to the date of such meeting.

#### **Change To:**

3. Meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet monthly with additional meetings called at the discretion of the President. Only members of the Board of Directors shall be able to vote at meetings of the Board of Directors, with the exception of the Director of Technical Training, who is ~~non-voting member of the Board of Directors~~ may only vote on motions pertaining to developmental or competitive programs.

The Annual General Membership (AGM) Meeting shall be held annually ~~between June 15<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>~~ on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in June. The Recording Secretary shall notify the voting membership of the date, time, and place of the AGM Meeting by posting it at the concession stand(s) at the Ocean State Soccer fields, **sending an electronic mail (email) message to all regular members with a valid email address**, and by posting it on the Ocean State Soccer website at least four (4) weeks prior to the date of such meeting.

**Rationale:** (1) The DTT is generally the school's most qualified expert in matters of player development and as such, should have a vote on issues in that area. (2) The AGM should be held before the school year ends to afford maximum participation by regular membership and allow for transition time between outgoing and incoming board members (who assume duties on July 1<sup>st</sup>). (3) Electronic mail has become the primary means of mass communication so the by-laws should reflect that situation.

**NOTE: Proposed Change not supported by the OSSS Board of Directors (position is an appointed position, not an elected position and may be a paid position; therefore does not and should have an official vote on policy)**

#### **Change 4: Article VIII, Section 1**

##### **As Reads:**

1. Ocean State Soccer shall establish and maintain a Developmental Program, a Referee Developmental Program and a Competitive Program as the core Programs of the School.

##### **Change to:**

1. Ocean State Soccer shall establish and maintain a Developmental Program, **a Developmental Training program including camps, clinics, or academy style sessions**, a Referee Developmental Program and a Competitive Program as the core Programs of the School.

**Rationale:** Provides the organizational requirement for the duties of the DTT as listed in Article VII and activities already being performed or considered by the school.

**NOTE: Proposed Change not supported by the OSSS Board of Directors (SRI only requires associations to have a competitive, developmental, and referee program to be members. Requiring a separate program is not necessary nor required.**

#### **Change 5: Article VIII, Section 4.**

##### **As Reads:**

4. All changes to the Policies and Procedures documents must be approved by the Ocean State Soccer Board of Directors.

##### **Change to:**

4. All changes to the Policies and Procedures documents must be approved by **a majority of the Ocean State Soccer Board of Directors. No change may be voted upon unless the regular membership have been informed of the proposed changes through both the sending of an electronic mail (email) message to all regular members with a valid email address and by posting the proposed changes on the Ocean State Soccer website at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the vote.**

**Rationale –** Clarifies the requirement to approve the Policy and Procedures Manual (PPM). Ensures regular members are afforded the opportunity to review any PPM changes, attend BOD meeting, and provide input to the BOD prior to any changes to the PPM.

**NOTE: Proposed Change not supported by the OSSS Board of Directors Changes are always posted. Putting this specifically in the bylaws is unnecessary and does not change the process for change submission and approval.**