

By-Laws of the
Ambush Soccer Association

Mission:

To promote growth of and an appreciation for the game of soccer at a higher level by providing opportunities for the youth of western Kentucky to learn the laws of the game and participate in organized programs of soccer

BY LAW I – AFFILIATION

Section 1- Association Affiliation

Ambush Soccer Association (ASA) is a member of Hopkinsville Youth Soccer Association (HYSA) and shall be affiliated with the Kentucky Youth Soccer Association (KYSA) and through such affiliation shall be affiliated with the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) and through such affiliation shall be affiliated with the United States Soccer Federation (USSF).

Section 2 – Unaffiliated Organizations

All non-member teams, clubs or leagues, within the territorial jurisdiction of ASA, shall be deemed as an “Unaffiliated Organization”. Any Registered Team or Affiliated Organization playing games or “doing business” with an Unaffiliated Organization, without written consent of the Board shall face disciplinary action and/or suspension by ASA Board.

BY LAW II – PROTEST AND APPEALS

Section 1 – Remedies

In the matter of protests and appeals, no person(s) associated with the operations of ASA at any level (team, league, organization, district, state) may invoke the aid of the courts of any state of the United States without first exhausting all available remedies within ASA/HYSA/KYSA/USYSA/USSF, including a final appeal to the USSF Council at the Annual General Meeting.

BY LAW III – FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Section 1 – Nonassumption of Debts

ASA shall not assume, nor be liable for, the debts and/or the financial responsibilities, either implied or incurred, of any Player, Coach, Manager, Team Assistant or Referee.

Section 2 – Liability Protection

All liabilities fall under guidelines of KYSA liability limits.

BY LAW IV – RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1 – Falsification of Records

Falsification of records shall be grounds for dismissal from future participation and/or membership in ASA.

Section 2 – Pleas of Ignorance

A plea of ignorance to the ASA Constitution, By Laws, Policies and State Rules is not sufficient and violators may expect appropriate action by the Board.

Section 3 – Violations

Any person found guilty of violating the ASA Constitution, By Laws, Policies or State Rules may be asked to appear before the Board in order to explain his/her action.

BY LAW V – ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of Business, at the Annual General Meeting and at Board Meetings, shall be as follows:

- A. Called to Order;
- B. Roll Call;
- C. Acceptance of Minutes of the previous meeting;
- D. Treasurer Report;
- E. Unfinished Business;
- F. New Business;
- G. Adjournment.

BY LAW VI – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1 – The Board

The Board shall consist of eight (8) members in accordance with the Constitution, Article II, Section 3.

Section 2 – Terms and Qualifications of Offices

- A. President and Vice-President – These offices shall have the term of two (2) years elected in alternating years. To qualify for these offices one must be current and active for two (2) of the three (3) seasons prior to the election period.
- B. To qualify for the other offices one must be current and active for two (2) of the three (3) seasons prior to the election period.
- C. Vacancies in all Offices and Commissions shall be filled by appointment by the President, subject to ratification by the Board, until elections for said Offices and Commissions at the next Annual Meeting or as otherwise provided in The

Constitution; provided, however, that a vacancy in the Office of Presidency shall be filled by the Vice-President.

D. The terms officially start July 1st of the elected calendar year; and

E. Qualifications for the Referee Coordinator; must be previously certified or is certified with the USSF referee certification.

F. Qualifications for the Director of Coaches; must have past or current coaching experience.

Section 3 – Nominating Committee

A. The Vice-President will Chair the Nominating Committee;

B. One member from each ASA Competitive team will be appointed by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee;

C. Each member must have at least one child involved in ASA; and

D. The committee is responsible for obtaining all information from the candidates to ensure those candidates meet the requirements or qualifications for the offices or commissions intended for running.

Section 4 – Nominations

A. The President and Vice-President shall be elected by the ASA members at the Annual General Meeting;

B. The Nominating Committee shall present a list of all candidates for each office or commission to the general membership at the Annual General Meeting; and

C. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for assuring that least one (1) candidate is proposed for each vacant position.

Section 5 – Elections

A. The President and Vice-President shall be elected by the majority of the ASA members at the Annual General Meeting and prior to the start of the official term date.

- 1) The Presidential election will be on the even year, and
- 2) The Vice-Presidential election will be on the odd year.

B. Officers and Commissioners shall be elected by the majority vote of members at the Annual General Meeting.

C. Voting will be by written ballot at the Annual General Meeting and will be directed and monitored by the Vice-President and the Nominating Committee.

D. No absentee voting will be allowed. All eligible voters must be in attendance at the Annual General Meeting. Each family traditional or non-traditional shall have only one (1) vote.

Section 6- Removal

Any officer or agent elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever, in its judgment, the best interest of the association would be served thereby. The removal of an officer or agent elected or appointed by the Board of Directors requires approval by two-thirds (66%) of the Directors voting on the removal. Election or appointment of an officer or agent shall not of itself create contract rights.

BY LAW VII – Player Registration/Rosters

Effective July 14, 2008 all new players or returning players who have missed a season will be required to play in their age specific group/team with the exception of the U9 developmental teams. Current players playing outside of their age specific teams are covered under the grandfather clause. Special situations will have to be considered by the ASA Board.

BYLAWS Adopted by the ASA Board of Directors
at Hopkinsville, Kentucky: Amended 7/14/08

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Registrar/Referee Coordinator

Director of Coaches

Commissioner of Field Maintenance

Commissioner at Large