

# Proposed Change to Bylaws

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## **Existing Bylaw:**

### 7.1 Composition

7.1.1 The Board of Directors shall comprise twelve (12) voting members: the President, Vice President-Adult, Vice President-Youth, Treasurer, seven (7) Directors elected at the Annual General Meeting, and the Chair of the State Referee Committee.

7.1.2 The Board of Directors will appoint the Chair of the State Referee Committee to the Board of Directors and the position will serve as a voting member.

## **Bylaw w/ proposed change:**

### 7.1 Composition

7.1.1 The Board of Directors shall comprise ~~twelve (12)~~ **eleven 11** voting members: the President, Vice President-Adult, Vice President-Youth, Treasurer, seven (7) Directors elected at the Annual General Meeting, ~~and the Chair of the State Referee Committee.~~

7.1.2 The Board of Directors will appoint the Chair of the State Referee Committee to the Board of Directors and the position will serve as a **non**-voting member.

## **How the Bylaw would read after proposed change:**

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7.1.1 The Board of Directors shall comprise **eleven 11** voting members: the President, Vice President-Adult, Vice President-Youth, Treasurer, seven (7) Directors elected at the Annual General Meeting.

7.1.2 The Board of Directors will appoint the Chair of the State Referee Committee to the Board of Directors and the position will serve as a non-voting member.

**Rationale:** The creation of a voting board position for the State Referee Chair was created in response to the same action taken by the National Body. They have since reverted to having the position as a non-voting position. In addition, currently in the state of Georgia the referees are officiating a larger number of games for outside organizations, i.e. US Club soccer, creating an inherent conflict of interest. The change would allow the referees to participate on the board, but in a non-voting role would eliminate and conflict of interest as well as ensuring that every voting position on the board is an elected position.