



Georgia State Soccer Association Youth Council Organizational Policy

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Article I Name

The name of this group shall be Georgia Soccer Youth Council

Article II Object

The purpose of the Youth Council shall be to elect the representatives to Georgia State Soccer Association (Georgia Soccer) for youth affiliate member organizations; develop policies, rules and regulations and procedures for the administration of Georgia Soccer youth soccer programs and to provide administrative oversight and management of Georgia Soccer youth soccer programs.

Article III General

This Council shall be the youth representation of Georgia State Soccer Association (Georgia Soccer) and as such shall represent Georgia Soccer for all youth soccer affairs not directly under the purview of the Georgia Soccer Board of Directors as outlined in the Georgia Soccer Bylaws and Policies and Procedures and shall include, but not be limited to, representation at regional and national youth meetings.

Article IV Membership

Section 1. Eligibility and Admission. Membership in the Youth Council shall be through its Georgia Soccer affiliated Youth Clubs, Leagues, and Soccer Associations and is open to all soccer players, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials of youth soccer programs.

Article V Governance

Section 1. The Georgia Soccer Vice President-Youth, Director of Youth Select and Director of Youth Recreation shall have the responsibilities of representing youth affiliates with the Georgia Soccer Board of Directors, organizing and planning the meetings of the Youth Council, and communicating regularly with all Youth Council members.

Section 2. Georgia Soccer Youth Representatives. The duties of each youth representative shall be as follows:

- a. **Vice President-Youth.** The Vice President-Youth shall conduct all general and special meetings of the Youth Council membership. See Georgia Soccer Bylaws for all other duties.

- b. **Director of Youth Select.** See Georgia Soccer Bylaws
- c. **Director of Youth Recreation.** See Georgia Soccer Bylaws

Article VI Meetings

Section 1. Membership Meetings. There shall be annual meetings of the Youth Council membership that shall be held in conjunction with the Georgia Soccer AGM. The Annual Youth Council meeting shall be held on a Saturday during the first quarter of each year as designated by the Georgia Soccer Board of Directors. There may be an additional general meeting, called the Semi-Annual General Meeting, which will take place in June or July of each year.

It shall be the responsibility of each affiliated member to have in attendance at the Annual Council meetings a minimum of one member of its Board of Directors (or its Board’s officially appointed designee), to represent its members’ interests. Failure to meet this responsibility shall result in the assessment of a fine to the absent affiliated member and probationary status until the next Annual Council Meeting (and may result in additional sanctions as may be imposed by the Georgia Soccer Board of Directors. Fines shall be assessed as follows:

1. Affiliated Member with one (1) vote	\$100.00
2. Affiliated Member with two (2) votes	\$200.00
3. Affiliated Member with three (3) votes	\$300.00
4. Affiliated Member with four (4) votes	\$400.00

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the affiliated youth membership may be required from time to time, and shall be called by the Vice President-Youth with the concurrence of the Georgia Soccer President. The Vice President-Youth, or his designee, shall provide written notice of a called meeting of the Council to all members at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting date, and the purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call.

Section 4. Quorum. The quorum for the Council General Meeting shall be 50% (fifty percent) of the votes eligible to be cast at any meeting of the affiliated membership

Section 5. Call for the Meeting. The Secretary of Georgia Soccer shall notify the affiliated membership 30 days prior to a Youth Council Annual General Meeting and shall provide copies of all proposed changes pertaining to the youth rules, regulations and policies.

Section 6. Authority and Responsibilities. Those elected to represent the Youth Council shall be subject to the orders of the Council and may not conflict

with nor modify any action taken by the Youth Council affiliated members, but shall otherwise be responsible for and have the final authority, except as otherwise provided in the Georgia Soccer bylaws, for the administration and promotion of all Georgia Soccer youth programs.

Article VII Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern at Council meetings in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order that Georgia Soccer may adopt.

Article VIII – Policy and Rules & Regulations Changes

Youth Council Policies and Rules and Regulations may be changed by a majority of the votes cast by the affiliated members in good standing at any duly authorized meeting of the Council. Proposals for changes must be made on the proper form in writing and submitted according to the Georgia Soccer Bylaws.