

## **BYLAW CHANGE PROPOSAL - Committees**

Submitted by Nancy Marsden  
on behalf of the GSSA Bylaw Review Committee

### **CURRENT BYLAW:**

#### **COMMITTEES**

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No person shall hold the office of committee chair of a single committee for more than five years.

Committee appointments shall take place at the first board meeting following the annual general meeting and shall terminate when the committee gives its report at the AGM.

The board shall fill vacancies as they arise. The president may remove the members of non-functioning committees with the approval of the board.

#### **Standing Committees**

##### **Bylaws and Policy Committee**

The committee shall be composed of four adult members appointed by the vice-president-adult, four youth members appointed by the vice-president-youth, and a chair appointed by the president. This committee shall be responsible for reviewing the bylaws and policies and procedures of GSSA.

Proposed changes shall be presented in accordance with Article XIII of the GSSA bylaws. This committee shall review all proposed changes properly submitted in accordance with Article XIII of the GSSA bylaws prior to their distribution to the affiliated members, standing committee chairs and the GSSA board. This committee shall be prepared to discuss all proposed changes at the annual general meeting (AGM) or at the semi-annual general meeting (SAGM). This committee shall also be responsible for ensuring that bylaws and policies and procedures are all consistent with and in compliance with those of US Youth Soccer, US Adult Soccer and USSF.

##### **Rules Committee**

##### **Adult Rules Sub-Committee**

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### **PROPOSED CHANGES TO BYLAW:**

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## **NEW BYLAW IF APPROVED:**

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## **RATIONALE:**

The rationale for the above changes is to limit the size of the Bylaws and Policy Committee, as a required eight committee members, with a ninth person serving as a chair, is an unwieldy number of people for a standing committee. Additional recommended changes are intended to better delineate the terms of committees and the appointment of individuals to those positions.