

MARIN INTERLEAGUE SOCCER ALLIANCE BY-LAWS/ PLAYING RULES/ PROTOCOL

NAME

This entity shall be known as Marin Interleague Soccer Alliance- **MISA**.

PURPOSE AND BOUNDARIES

The purpose of the Alliance shall be to develop, promote and administer the game of soccer among youths (from under-twelve through under-nineteen years of age), within Marin County, California. In pursuit of these purposes, the Alliance will provide facilities for game play, supply referees and organize end of season play-offs and/or tournaments.

The governing authority of this Alliance may create geographical sub-divisions within the territory, which shall be known as 'areas' (elementary school districts, or territories as defined by the Board of Directors).

ALLIANCE BOARD

This Alliance shall adhere to the mutually agreed upon By-Laws, Playing Rules and Protocol except when these are superseded by the US CLUB, NorCal, CYSA or USSF.

Membership in the MISA is open to recreational soccer clubs in Marin County, but not exclusive to, Mill Valley, Tiburon, Ross Valley Recreational, San Anselmo Recreational, West Marin, San Rafael Youth Soccer Club, Dixie Youth Soccer Association and Novato Youth Soccer Club. Each club has one vote per club, regardless of amount of players in each club.

At least 50% of the representatives to the Alliance shall have children currently playing or having played within the previous two seasons in the MISA or one of the 8 member clubs.

All members shall abide by the By-Laws of this Alliance, all Protocol and Player Rules as set forth by the Alliance and all applicable rules and regulations of the Associations with which MISA is affiliated.

Each club will act as the CHAIR for one calendar year.

MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Alliance Board will be held **as necessary on a mutually agreed upon day** (e.g. *on the first Tuesday of each month*), or by call of the Interleague Coordinator.

When a monthly meeting is not timely, an interim meeting may be called with 72 hours advance notice. Should a representative not be able to attend, a Club Board Member may send a proxy to vote.

QUORUM

At all meetings of the Alliance Board, five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Majority rules the vote. (Interleague Coordinator and Members at Large are not voting members)

SEASONAL YEAR

The Seasonal year shall be from August first (1st) through July thirty-first (31st). Insurance coverage shall be for the same period of time or as established by US CLUB and the carrier.

PROTEST AND APPEALS

MISA Board has the final decision for any disputes or appeals by individual clubs, teams, coaches or players.

If a Red or Yellow card is issued during a game, the penalty is removal of ONE subsequent game, pending further MISA decision.

RESPONSIBILITIES

All member teams shall be responsible for governing those persons associated with their own organization.

Payment to MISA Coordinator is the responsibility of each individual club. Payment schedule shall be 50% on August 1st, with submission of total teams. Second payment of 50% by October 31st of the same year, before the Tournament Weekends begin. In addition, each club is responsible for their % portion of trophies and awards.

Payment is considered delinquent when more than 10 days overdue.

Falsification of records shall be grounds for disbarment from future participation and/or membership in the Alliance.

A plea of ignorance to the By-Laws, Rules and Protocols of this Alliance is not sufficient and violators may expect appropriate action by the Alliance Board.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

This Alliance shall not assume, nor be liable for the debts nor the financial responsibilities, either implied or incurred, of any of its clubs, members, team coaches, managers or teams.

LIABILITY PROTECTION

All officers of this Alliance and officials of member teams shall be covered against personal liability claims by their individual Clubs for performing acts and duties directly related to the work of this Alliance.

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Marin Interleague Soccer Alliance Protocols 2011

- **Age Groups** August 1st is the official cut off for age groups. Players may 'play up' if the individual club allows it, e.g. keep with same grade level
No players may play beneath their age group. (exceptions by MISA board approval, in cases of mental or physical disabilities
* High School Team Exception - Player is currently enrolled in high school, 9th through 12th grades, OR is an Under 15 player.
Assignments of players for the House Club teams shall be accomplished with the following objectives:
- **Team Formation** Balanced player strength on each team within each member club.
Clubs may keep 25% of teams as a core, but the remaining 75% must be blind draft or by rankings. Point Reyes, Bolinas, San Geronimo Valley, and Tiburon are exceptions.
- **Roster Cards:** Each team shall have a laminated roster card with each players photo, name and number on it. The roster card shall be 8 ½ x 11.
- **Roster Card / Referee Review:** Roster Cards will be presented to the referee prior to the game starting. Players not on the Laminated Roster Card are not allowed to play under any circumstance.
- **Teams without Roster Card at Game Time:** Teams without a roster card shall play the game, however forfeit that game.
- **Game Cards:** Referees shall complete game cards for every MISA game including the date, score, coaches names, and final score. The game card shall also include any infractions in which a penalty card has been issued. The game card shall be signed by referee and returned to the referees MISA home representative.
- **Coaches / Spectators:** Coaches and players for both teams shall be on the same sideline, with all non staff spectators viewing from the opposite sideline. There will be no viewing from either end-line.
- **Spectators:** All spectators shall behave in accordance with their home clubs Code of Conduct regardless of where the game is being played.
- **Coaching Staff:** There shall be a limit of three coaches / staff for each team. Each coaching staff shall have at least one staff member 18 years of age or older.
- **Referee Authority:** The referee has jurisdiction over the game and all coaches, players and spectators from the time he/she enters the field of play until he signals the end of the game. Referees will follow all home Club rules.
- **Uniform Color:** It is required that teams participate in distinctly different colors. In the event that both teams are wearing the same color, the home team will be required to change to an alternate color.
- Players wearing a hard orthopedic cast or splint shall not participate in any game. Soft casts may be allowed at the discretion of the referee.
- **Goalies** shall wear a jersey, or vest, of a color other than that of either team or the referee.
- **Select Team / Multiple Team:** Players are not allowed to play for multiple teams including, but not limited to, playing for a participating MISA team, as well as a second team of any qualification. Team rosters determined at August 1st date.
- **Multiple Team High School Age (Player) Exception:** There is one exception in which a player can play on multiple teams: a high school age player can play on a high school team as well as a MISA team.
- **Players** Every player, present and fit to play, shall play not less than one-half of the game time, including playoffs and tournaments. A player shall play only one game per day, excluding tournaments, **playoffs or championship games.** A game may be forfeited if any eligible player, **regardless of practice attendance,** does not play the minimum time of 50%.

- **Red/ Yellow Cards:** The Center Referee of the game notifies the Club Referee Coordinator, then contacts the MISA Representative and the MISA Coordinator, then brought to the MISA for further evaluation of suspension or consequence.
- **Violations of the MISA Protocols:** The MISA Board of Directors shall issue penalties for any violation of the protocols. The MISA BOD shall determine penalties at their monthly board meeting at the discretion of the simple majority of the board.

Playing Rules 2011

Point System:

The Marin Interleague Soccer Association (MISA) shall operate under a point system. The point system shall award (3) points for a win, (1) point for a tie and (0) points for a loss.

In case of a tie in the standings within a group:

- 1) "Goals Against" The number of goals a team allows
- 2) "Goals For" The number of goals scored by a team
- 3) "Coin Flip" In the event that two teams are still tied entering the playoffs, a division winner shall be determined by a coin flip. The time and place of the coin flip shall be determined by the MISA, and shall be conducted by the MISA Chairperson.

Standard Playing Rules:

MISA shall play under the standard FIFA laws of the game. MISA reserves the right to amend rules as necessary to maintain a fair and safe playing experience for all players.

Game Time, Field Sizes:

U12 play two 30 minute halves | 10-min. halftime | size 4 ball | Numbers of players - 11v11

U14, play two 35 minute halves| 10-min. halftime | size 5 ball | Number of players -11v11

HS play two 40 minute halves | 10-min. halftime | size 5 ball | Number of players - 11v11

- * Overtime shall only be played during tournament, playoff or championship games.
- * Based on the FIFA laws of the game, MISA shall play a maximum of two 5 minute Golden Goal overtime periods. In the event that there is no winner at the end of the of the Golden Goal period, the game shall be determined by kicks from the Penalty mark.
- * Game lengths will vary for Playoff and Championship Games (see Tournament Rules)

Substitutions:

All Substitutions shall be made at the referee's discretion and approval at any stoppage of play, excluding a corner kick. Player(s) coming off the field will be removed before substitute(s) enter the field. Substituted player(s) will be at the mid line ready to enter the field.

The team in possession of the ball may substitute an unlimited number of players on throw-ins. A team may substitute on the opponent's throw in, if substitutions are being made AND at the discretion of the referee.

Number of Players:

Based on the FIFA laws of the game, each team shall play with no less than seven, and nor more than 11. Teams need not play with fewer than 11 (play numbers down) as it will unfairly penalize the team with the correct number of players.

Game Ball:

The game balls shall be furnished by the Home Team