

NOS Santos SC LEAGUE BYLAWS

PART I - GENERAL

Bylaw 101 - NAME

This organization shall be referred to as NOS Santos SC.

Bylaw 102 – PURPOSE

1. It is the mission of NOS Santos SC to foster the physical, mental, and emotional growth and development of the youth of Maricopa County through the sport of soccer at all levels of age and competition.
2. The objectives of NOS Santos SC League are to:
 - a. promote and further develop the game of soccer;
 - b. organize the game of soccer for youth under the age of 19;
 - c. administer and conduct local competition;
 - d. be a good representative of organized youth soccer and in particular NOS Santos SC with regard to ASA, US Youth Soccer, US Soccer, FIFA and other interested parties.
 - e. Refrain from any practice, games or play on Sundays.
3. NOS Santos SC League shall not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin.
4. NOS Santos SC League shall maintain its tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code.
5. NOS Santos SC League shall maintain its non-profit corporation status, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Arizona.

Bylaw 103

The guiding principle of NOS Santos SC League shall be “Quality developmental soccer with no Sunday play”

Bylaw 104 – AFFILIATION

NOS Santos SC League shall be a member of and comply with the authority of the ASA, US Youth Soccer, US Soccer and FIFA.

Bylaw 105 – LAWS OF THE GAME

The Laws of the Game as authorized by FIFA, and modified for youth play by US Soccer, US Youth soccer or ASA shall apply to youth soccer games scheduled by NOS Santos SC.

Bylaw 106 – EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

1. NOS Santos SC League shall provide an equal opportunity to athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators and officials to participate in youth soccer competitions without regard to that individual's race, color, religion, national origin, age or sex.
1. Individuals serving on the Board of Directors or a committee of NOS Santos SC League shall be selected without regard to that individual's race, color, religion, national origin, age or sex.

Bylaw 107 – SEASONAL AND FISCAL YEARS

The seasonal and fiscal year of NOS Santos SC League will begin on August 1 of one calendar year and end on April 30 of the following calendar year.

Bylaw 108 – USE OF NAME, LOGO AND COLORS

No one may use the name, initials or any of its trade names or any of its logos except as provided under these bylaws or except with the express written consent of NOS Santos SC League.

Bylaw 109 – MONTHLY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1. Monthly Leadership Committee meetings will be conducted using generally accepted business practices.
2. A quorum at any meeting shall be a majority of the total number of eligible votes present for that meeting.

Bylaw 110 – AUTHORITIES

1. NOS Santos SC League shall be governed by its bylaws as presently constituted except in those matters reserved to ASA whose governing documents shall take precedence over and supersede the governing documents of NOS Santos SC League to the extent applicable under Arizona State Law.

1. The legislative and judicial powers of NOS Santos SC, except those that are otherwise

delegated, shall be vested in a Leadership Committee.

Bylaw 111 – DISSOLUTION

If NOS Santos SC League dissolves for any reason, its properties and assets shall default to the discretion of the NOS Santos Leadership Committee.

Bylaw 112 – DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise provided, definitions applicable to these Bylaws shall be as listed in ASA Bylaws 112.

PART II – MEMBERSHIP

Bylaw 201 - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in NOS Santos SC League is open to all soccer teams without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex or national origin upon payment of appropriate fees.

Bylaw 202 – MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

NOS Santos SC League has the following categories of membership

1. Team

Bylaw 204 – GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to the other requirements of these bylaws:

1. Falsification of records shall be grounds for removal from future participation and/or membership in this League
1. A plea of ignorance to the bylaws, policies and procedures of NOS Santos SC League is not sufficient defense and appropriate action may be taken by the Board of Directors;
2. Any person found guilty of violating the Bylaws, policies and procedures of NOS Santos SC League may be asked to appear before the Leadership Committee to explain their actions.

Bylaw 205 – ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

1. Any team wishing to join NOS Santos SC League must submit a written application for Membership to the Leadership Committee;
1. The Leadership Committee shall consider the application and may reject any application until such application is changed to comply with the requirements of NOS Santos SC League and ASA.

Bylaw 206 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP

1. In addition to other requirements of these Bylaws, all members of NOS Santos SC League shall comply with the following:
 - a. annually register with NOS Santos SC League every player, coach and administrator;
 - b. register all players prior to their first game appearance
 - c. ensure that players with foreign birth certificates submit any and all required documentation;
 - d. ensure that players coming from another club/team within ASA or from another NSA, submit any and all required documentation;
 - e. pay any and all fees due to NOS Santos SC League by the appropriate deadline;
- a. be responsible for governing those persons associated with their operation;

- b. ensure that teams affiliated with NOS Santos SC League do not play games against non-US Soccer affiliated teams without prior written approval from the Leadership Committee. Teams that fail to comply may be subject to disciplinary action including suspension;
- c. ensure that player passes issued by ASA are used in every match;
- d. ensure that all ASA registration policies and procedures are followed.

Bylaw 207 – SUSPENSIONS, FINES AND TERMINATIONS

1. Leadership Committee may suspend, fine or terminate a member's membership in
NOS Santos SC League if the Committee, after a properly convened hearing, determines that;
 - a. the conduct of the member is adverse to the best interests of NOS Santos SC League and the purpose for which this league has been founded;
 - b. the member has failed to abide by the Bylaws of NOS Santos SC League or ASA;
 - c. the member has failed to pay fees due and payable to NOS Santos SC League within a specified time;
2. A suspended member may apply for reinstatement by submitting a written request. Such
requests will be considered by the Leadership Committee in a timely manner.
1. NOS Santos SC League will recognize suspensions and rulings of all organizations under the jurisdiction of ASA when notified thereof.
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Bylaw 208 – RESIGNATIONS

Any member may resign from NOS Santos SC League by submitting a written resignation.

Bylaw 209 – GENERAL MEETINGS

The Leadership Committee shall hold monthly general meetings, set for the first Monday of every month, unless otherwise noted.

Bylaw 301 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. The Annual General Meeting of NOS Santos SC League will take place between March and June of each seasonal year on a date to be selected by the Leadership Committee. Time, location and any proposed changes to the Bylaws will be noticed at least 30 days prior to the meeting.
2. The meeting shall follow that agenda established by ASA.

Bylaw 302 – OFFICERS AND Leadership Committee Members

1. The Leadership Committee of NOS Santos SC League shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Registrar, Secretary and Members at Large.
2. The President, Vice President, Registrar, Treasurer and Secretary shall be appointed during the Annual General Meeting, to serve for a two year term.
 - a. If a situation arises and an officer must be appointed at a time other than the Annual General Meeting, the Leadership Committee will call an emergency meeting to address said situation.
3. Officers shall take office upon the meeting following their appointment, unless otherwise noted.

Bylaw 701 – GRIEVANCES, PROTESTS AND APPEALS.

NOS Santos shall follow the procedures as set forth in the ASA Bylaws.

NOS Santos shall document any proceedings so held.

NOS Santos shall forward that documentation to ASA where appropriate.

Bylaw 901 – PROPOSING AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendment to the Bylaws of NOS Santos SC League shall be forwarded no later than 45 days prior to the proposed date of the AGM.

Proposed amendments submitted in compliance with the above shall be distributed to all eligible members at least 30 days prior to the proposed date of the AGM.

An amendment to the Bylaws requires a 2/3 approval vote of those present at the meeting and is effective on August 1st of the seasonal year immediately following.

Amendments passed at the ASA AGM that may affect NOS Santos SC League shall be adopted as of the following August 1st whether presented at the Strikers NSS League AGM or not.

RATIFICATION

The ratification and signature of three (3) members of NOS Santos SC Leadership Committee shall be sufficient for the establishment of these Bylaws.
