



## **IN-HOUSE BYLAWS OF THE NORTH OLMSTED SOCCER ORGANIZATION**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **AUTHORITY**

**All NOSO In-House teams shall operate in complete compliance with the Constitution of the North Olmsted Soccer Organization. The NOSO In-House Committee shall recommend rules, fees, and development for In-House players. The Committee shall be responsible for monitoring In-House operations and developing a coordinated, consistent recreational program. The NOSO In-House Committee shall report to the Director of In-house, and operate under the direction of the NOSO Board of Directors.**

### **ARTICLE II**

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND DUTIES**

DIRECTOR of IN-HOUSE – Coordinates and directs the efforts and activities of all involved in the In-House program. The Director shall be responsible for overseeing, coordinating, and appointing positions for all In-House operations except registration and referees. Shall call and conduct meetings and report to the NOSO Board. The Director of In-House is entitled to a vote on all Committee matters and shall act as the tie breaker in the event of a tie.

DIRECTOR of Coaching and Player Development – Trains and assists personnel who will coach all In-House play. Arrange for In-House coaching clinics. Entitled to a vote on all Committee matters.

DIRECTOR of FIELDS – Prepares, marks and maintains all fields and goal equipment for play in In-House, Travel and Tournaments games. Entitled to vote on all Committee matters.

DIRECTOR of REFEREES & ASSIGNOR – Screens, trains, assigns and reviews referees for In-House games. Entitled to a vote on all Committee matters.

DIRECTOR of PURCHASING – Purchases equipment and uniform shirts for all In-House activities. Ensures competitive selection and purchase of same with NOSO Board approval. Assures inventory management and storage. Entitled to a vote on all Committee matters.

DIRECTOR of WEB & MEDIA – Publicizes the InHouse program on the NOSO website and through other media platforms. Entitled to a vote on all Committee matters.

REGISTRAR – Shall be responsible for registering all InHouse players. Entitled to a vote on all Committee matters.

## ARTICLE III

### **REPLACEMENTS**

The following NOSO Board members shall automatically serve on the In-House Committee: Directors of In-House, Director of Coaching and Player Development, Fields, Referees & Assignor, Director of Web & Media, and Registrar. Any vacancies on the InHouse Committee shall be reviewed, a replacement sought, and a

recommendation made to the NOSO Board of Directors for an approval vote.

## **ARTICLE IV MEETINGS**

Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or requested by members of the Committee. Notice of all special meetings must be given to all Committee members at least 48 hours in advance.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **QUORM**

At least four of the members of the Committee must be present for a quorum. All issues shall be decided by a majority vote of those members present.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

Eligibility for participation on In-House teams shall be limited to children whose ages range from preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Children, parents or guardians must be residents of North Olmsted, attend a school located in North Olmsted, own property or business in North Olmsted or children of neighboring communities who have no program.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **COACHING SELECTION**

Coaches must be at least 18 years of age. An exception may be made by the Director of Coaches if a parent or other adult is willing to supervise at practice and games.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **INHOUSE TEAM COMPOSITION**

Single age boys and girls teams will be fielded at all ages where sufficient numbers of players are interested in participating. If a minimum number of players is not available, multiple age teams shall be formed to

provide as many players as possible the opportunity to participate in the In-House program. If necessary, in the very youngest and older ages, teams may be made of multiple ages and are coed. Teams should be comprised of children living in the same area unless a reasonable request is made to the contrary. Travel team players should be divided as evenly as possible among the teams. Parents or guardians may petition, in writing, the In-House Committee no less than one month prior to the start of the season, to permit a child to play up or down on grade level. The inhouse committee reserves the right to move players up or down accordingly in the best interest of the player and the program.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **REGISTRATION**

Parents or guardians shall register In-House players through the Registrar. All players must be registered and have fees paid before being placed on a team or playing a game. In case of financial hardship, player's parents or guardians may request a waiver of payment through the President of NOSO. Such arrangements must be completed before a player may be placed on a team or participate in any game.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **UNIFORMS**

All In-House players shall wear either an orange or Black shirt, or an Orange/Black reversible shirt. Players are required to wear shinguards at all practices and all games. A goalkeeper is required to wear a shirt that is easily distinguished from other players.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **GRIEVANCES AND DISCIPLINE**

All grievances shall be handled as stated in ARTICLE IX of the NOSO Constitution. Discipline of coaches, players, referees, and spectators shall be handled by the In-House Committee.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **FEES**

The In-House Committee shall recommend In-House fees prior to registration. These fees shall be set so as to cover all expenses of the NOSO In-House program. Fees shall include an amount to cover a fair share of the NOSO administration expenses. In-House player fees shall be equal for all In-House players. Fees must be approved by a majority vote of the NOSO Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **CHANGES IN BYLAW ARTICLES AND STANDING RULES**

Standing rules may be changed by a majority vote of the In-House Committee. The In-House Committee shall submit proposed changes to the NOSO Board of Directors in writing. Proposed changes shall be discussed at the next NOSO Board meeting. Voting will take place at the next consecutive general meeting of the NOSO Board of Directors following discussion. A majority vote of the NOSO Board members present shall be required for passage.

### **INHOUSE STANDING RULES**

All In-House players shall wear shin guards at all games and practices. Each player must have his/her own

properly fitting shin guards. A player without shin guards shall not be permitted on the field at practice or games. Protective eyewear is optional.

It is highly recommended that In-House coaches should attend the clinic provided at no charge, prior to the season.

Parents and other spectators should be on the opposite side of the field from the players when conditions permit. They are not allowed behind the goal-line and should remain three feet behind the touch lines.

All coaches and assistants must be approved by the In-House Committee or Director of Inhouse.

Parents or guardians of a child may petition the In-House Committee to allow a child to play up or down an age.

All willing, dressed and eligible In-House players shall play in every game. Length of playing time shall be one half of game time if the player is willing.

The Inhouse Director will review the code of ethics at the coaches clinic prior to the start of season. The

Director of Referees & Assignor shall outline his/her requirements for the coming season.

The coach should take appropriate action to eliminate large goal differentials, such as no more than five goals.

Each team shall be comprised of no more than twice the number of players that will be fielded.

All persons (coaches, players, spectators) receiving a Red Card shall not be able to participate in the next game.

Yellow Cards issued for intentional serious foul play shall require the player to sit out for a five minute cooling off period under the guise of the “hothead rule”.

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