



Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

Proposed Amendment #1A to MSYSA Bylaw Article X, Section 1.

Proposed by: Mark Klein, MSYSA Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee Chair

Date Submitted: 08/12/2025.

To Be Effective: 02/14/2026.

I. Current Bylaw:

Section 1. Committees

- A. There shall be the following standing committees:
 1. Budget-Finance, Bylaws and Standing Rules, Cup Competition, Discipline and Appeals, and Poaching and Illegal Recruiting.
 2. There shall be special committees as are deemed necessary by MSYSA.

II. How this Bylaw would be changed:

Eliminate all mention of poaching and illegal recruitment:

Section 1. Committees

- A. There shall be the following standing committees:
 1. Budget-finance, bylaws and standing rules, cup competition and discipline and appeals. ~~and poaching and illegal recruiting.~~
 2. There shall be such other standing committees as are deemed necessary by MSYSA.

III. Rationale:

Removal of this verbiage is necessary due to the elimination of Rule 3.7 (Poaching) recently approved by the MSYSA Board of Directors.

IV. Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee Recommendation:

The MSYSA Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee recommends adoption of this proposed amendment.

V. Outcome:

AGM Membership Approved, 2-14-26.





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Proposed Amendment #1B to MSYSA Bylaw Article X, Section 5.

Proposed by: Mark Klein, MSYSA Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee Chair

Date Submitted: 08/12/2025.

To Be Effective: 02/14/2026.

I. Current Bylaw:

Section 5. Discipline and Appeals Committee

- A. Composition. The committee shall be composed of at least three (3) members who shall not be members of the board of directors.
- B. The discipline and appeals committee shall hear disciplinary and appeals cases unrelated to poaching and illegal recruitment.

II. How this Bylaw would be changed:

Eliminate all mention of poaching and illegal recruitment and re-letter the balance of the bylaw:

Section 5. Discipline and Appeals Committee

- A. Composition. The committee shall be composed of at least three (3) members who shall not be members of the board of directors.
- B. The discipline and appeals committee shall hear ~~disciplinary and appeals cases unrelated to poaching and illegal recruitment.~~ appeals from decisions of lower authority, cases concerning misconduct toward game officials, or misconduct of game officials, or matters referred by the board of directors.

III. Rationale:

This change remove reference to Rule 3.7 (Poaching), which was recently eliminated by the MSYSA Board of Directors.

IV. Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee Recommendation:

The MSYSA Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee recommends adoption of this proposed amendment.

V. Outcome:

AGM Membership Approved, 2-14-26.



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Proposed Amendment #1C to MSYSA Bylaw Article X, Section 6.

Proposed by: Mark Klein, MSYSA Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee Chair

Date Submitted: 08/12/2025.

To Be Effective: 02/14/2026.

I. Current Bylaw:

Section 6. Poaching and Illegal Recruiting Committee

- A. Composition. The committee shall be composed of at least three (3) members who shall not be members of the board of directors.
- B. The poaching and illegal recruiting committee shall:
1. Hear disciplinary cases relating to poaching and illegal recruiting
 2. Monitor the efficacy of the organization's poaching rules and propose amendments when appropriate
- C. Chairman. Chairman shall be appointed by the president and confirmed by the board of directors at its' first meeting following the annual meeting in the even-numbered years to serve as chairman of the committee for a two (2) year term.
- D. Election to Committee. The committee chairman shall appoint enough additional members to the committee to provide a panel of three, disinterested and impartial, body of factfinders for each hearing or appeal. The members of the committee shall be confirmed by the president or board of directors. Committee members shall serve at the discretion of the chairman of the committee.
- E. Accountability. The committee shall report to the president and executive director.
- F. Hearing Procedures. All hearings conducted under these Bylaws, shall comply with USSF Bylaw 701 and USSF Policy 701-1, and also refer to MSYSA Rules, Regulations and Policies.
- G. Litigation.
1. No member organization, player, coach, trainer, manager, club, team, administrator or referee may invoke the aid of the courts in the United States or the State of Michigan without first exhausting all available remedies within the appropriate soccer organization and as provided within Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, US Youth Soccer and United States Soccer Federation.



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2. For violation of this bylaw, the offending party shall be subject to suspension and fines, and shall be liable to MSYSA for all expenses incurred by MSYSA and its officers in defending each court action, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Court cost;
 - b. Attorney's fees;
 - c. Reasonable compensation for time spent by MSYSA officials and employees in responding to and defending against allegations in the actions, including responses to discovery and court appearances;
 - d. Travel expenses;
 - e. Expenses for holding special meeting necessitated by the court action.

II. How this Bylaw would be changed:

Eliminate Article X, Section 6 in its entirety:

Section 6. Poaching and Illegal Recruiting Committee

~~A.—Composition. The committee shall be composed of at least three (3) members who shall not be members of the board of directors:~~

~~B.—The poaching and illegal recruiting committee shall:~~

- ~~1.—Hear disciplinary cases relating to poaching and illegal recruiting~~
- ~~2.—Monitor the efficacy of the organization's poaching rules and propose amendments when appropriate~~

~~C.—Chairman. Chairman shall be appointed by the president and confirmed by the board of directors at its' first meeting following the annual meeting in the even-numbered years to serve as chairman of the committee for a two (2) year term:~~

~~D.—Election to Committee. The committee chairman shall appoint enough additional members to the committee to provide a panel of three, disinterested and impartial, body of factfinders for each hearing or appeal. The members of the committee shall be confirmed by the president or board of directors. Committee members shall serve at the discretion of the chairman of the committee.~~

~~E.—Accountability. The committee shall report to the president and executive director:~~

~~F.—Hearing Procedures. All hearings conducted under these Bylaws, shall comply with USSF Bylaw 701 and USSF Policy 701-1, and also refer to MSYSA Rules, Regulations and Policies:~~

~~G.—Litigation:~~

- ~~1.—No member organization, player, coach, trainer, manager, club, team,~~



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~~administrator or referee may invoke the aid of the courts in the United States or the State of Michigan without first exhausting all available remedies within the appropriate soccer organization and as provided within Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, US Youth Soccer and United States Soccer Federation.~~

- ~~2. For violation of this bylaw, the offending party shall be subject to suspension and fines, and shall be liable to MSYSA for all expenses incurred by MSYSA and its officers in defending each court action, including but not limited to the following:

 - ~~a. Court cost;~~
 - ~~b. Attorney’s fees;~~
 - ~~c. Reasonable compensation for time spent by MSYSA officials and employees in responding to and defending against allegations in the actions, including responses to discovery and court appearances;~~
 - ~~d. Travel expenses;~~
 - ~~e. Expenses for holding special meeting necessitated by the court action.~~~~

III. Rationale:

Removal of this bylaw section is necessary due to the elimination of Rule 3.7 (Poaching), which was recently approved by the MSYSA Board of Directors.

IV. Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee Recommendation:

The MSYSA Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee recommends adoption of this proposed amendment.

V. Outcome:

AGM Membership Approved, 2-14-26.

