

Scotts Valley/San Lorenzo Valley

Soccer Club

RULES AND REGULATIONS

and

BY-LAWS

Fall 2004

Scotts Valley/San Lorenzo Valley Soccer Club

Rules and Regulations

A. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

The SV/SLV Soccer Club provides opportunities for all boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 18 to play soccer. Teams are formed in under 6, under-8, under-10, under-12, under-14, under-16, and under-19 age groups. All age groups have separate girls' and boys' teams provided that there is a sufficient number of players to form a team with the exception of U6 and U19.

A player's placement in a given age group is determined by his or her age as of July 31st of the calendar year for which the player is registering. For example, a player who turned 8 on July 31st, would play under-10 during the following fall season; a player who turned 8 on or after August 1st would play under-8 that fall. Any player who can demonstrate the necessary skills may, upon approval of a parental request submitted to the Board, play in a higher age bracket.

Only properly registered players are eligible to practice or play in games.

B. REGISTRATION

Registration will be held in various locations within the Club area during the spring. All past players will receive a re-register postcard. Those who register on the scheduled dates are guaranteed a position on a team unless there are insufficient registrants within the Club to form a team in their age/gender group. Those who have not registered by the last registration date of June 1st may call the Club phone (336-3312) or e-mail the club at (info@svslvsoccer.com) to obtain late registration information. Late registrations will be accepted only on a space-available basis. The Board will set a late registration charge in addition to all other required fees which at present is \$25 per child.

Players who did not play the previous year must bring a copy of their birth certificate with them to registration. All registration forms and all requests to "play up" (to play in an older age group than the one to which a player would normally be assigned) must be signed by at least one parent or legal guardian. 18-year-old players may sign their own registration forms. All registrations must be accompanied by a wallet-size photo (1" x 1") of the player for use on an I.D. card.

Requests for refunds of player registration fees must be made in writing and must be postmarked by August 1st. Requests must be mailed to the SV/SLV Soccer Club, P.O. Box 67038, Scotts Valley, CA 95067-7038, with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Non-refundable expenses (the CYSA and county

registration fee plus \$1.00 per child) will be deducted from the refund. Requests for refunds may be conditioned on return to the Club of any uniform issued to the player being dropped.

TEAM FORMATION

The information contained in this section, unless otherwise indicated, applies only to the formation of recreational teams (Class 4). Those interested in playing or coaching at higher levels of competition (Class 3 or Class 1) should make an inquiry of the club to determine how to participate. Our Club's selection procedures for competition teams are briefly discussed at the end of this section. The goal of the Club is to provide balanced teams which are formed as much as possible from neighborhood areas. Under 6 will have 6 players, under-8 teams will normally have 7-11 players; under-10 teams will have 9-13 players; all other teams will normally have 12-16 players. The maximum number of players are stated in the CYSA Team manual is as follows: U-6: Max. players on roster 7. U-8: Max. players on roster 11. U-10: Max. players on roster 13. U-12-U19: Max. players on roster 18.

Returning players may remain with the team with which they played the previous year unless (a) the player changes age groups, (b) the coach leaves the team or the team is disbanded for any other reason, or (c) the player requests that he or she not be assigned to a specific coach.

A team's roster will be completed through the distribution of any other returning players, and first time registrants according to school and neighborhood (as determined by map coordinates and addresses). If sufficient information is available, the Registrar may utilize prior coaching evaluations of players in order to attempt to balance recreation teams.

A player may not request a specific coach, nor may a coach request a specific player; however, a coach's child will ordinarily be assigned to his or her team. A coach may not add or drop a player from his roster without the approval of the Club's Registrar.

Late registrations will be accepted and will be assigned on a space-available basis, and players registering late may, therefore, be assigned to a team outside their normal geographical area.

These guidelines may be modified by the Registrar to give consideration to multiple registrations from the same family or address, or to hardship claims, including transportation and child care needs.

Any adult is eligible to serve as a coach or assistant coach. It is our goal to promote the use of the training that is available through CYSA and our League to improve the skill levels of our coaches so that the players receive the best training possible, given the volunteer nature of the program. League rules governing the coaching of competition teams require that the coaches hold "F" licenses their first year, and "E" licenses their second year, reflecting completion of these training programs. Coaching courses are sponsored regularly by the Club or League, and all coaches or potential coaches are urged to attend them.

Competition and other Select teams are formed based on a selection process determined by the coaching staff of the team in question, in consultation with the Coaching Coordinator and the Board. The Board and the Coaching Coordinator will appoint coaches for the Competition or other Select teams. Normally, tryouts are held, player skills are evaluated in drills and/or scrimmages, and players are selected ultimately by the coach of the competition team.

The Competition and Select coaches have the right to select players from existing recreation teams provided that those players are not required to play on the competition team to which they are selected if they choose not to, and that all such selections are made prior to League/District imposed registration deadlines for team formations. It is our goal to have youth players play at the highest level at which they wish to play and for which they are qualified; accordingly, if a competition coach selects a player from a recreational level team who has tried out, the recreation level coach does not have the right to prevent the transfer of the player to the competition level team.

PLAYER'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The most basic guarantee that the Club offers is that all players must play at least on half (50%) of the playing time of each game for which they are present and ready to play (in the proper uniform and in good health), unless play is prevented by disciplinary action that has been taken in accordance with CYSA team manual Section 4.0. This rule applies to competition, District Select and Delgado teams, but not to Abronzino teams. If a player who is present cannot play (either for reasons of health or for disciplinary purposes), the referee and the opposing coach should be notified, and this fact should be recorded on the game card.

Players should each receive a copy of the season schedule prior to the first game of the year. Each coach is given sufficient copies to provide one to each member of the team. The schedule will indicate both field assignments and starting times.

Parents and players should attempt to work out any problems they have with their coach with the coach. If parents or players are unable to resolve these matters with the coach, they are requested to bring these situations to the attention of the Coaches' Coordinator by calling the Club phone, 336-3312.

Players who register to play within the Club accept a responsibility to attend practices and games, and to conduct themselves properly at all times. Coaches may penalize players who fail to attend practices or games without adequate excuse by shortening their playing time or by suspending them. Coaches may also request that players whose behavior is disruptive or consistently unacceptable be dropped from the team. Removal of players may not be taken unilaterally, but requires Board approval, which will not be granted unless the Board feels that dropping the player is in the best interest of the Club.

SOCCER CONDUCT

Referees will apply the F.I.F.A. "Laws of the Game," as modified by CYSA Rules and any applicable local modifications. All participants are expected to observe proper standards of conduct. For players, coaches, and spectators alike, abusive treatment (including physical, mental or verbal abuse) of coaches, other players, or referees is not acceptable conduct and will not be condoned.

The coach is expected to set an example for the players on his or her team. Club policy forbids coaches to use profanity or abusive language when dealing with or in the presence of their players. Coaches must stress sportsmanship over winning, although winning is to be considered important. Coaches should not demean or insult their own players, players on the other team, other coaches, referees, or spectators. Coaches must attend a Positive Coaching Alliance Workshop yearly.

The referees, like all Club officials, are volunteers and most are youth players in our Club. Their presence is required to properly conduct a game. While their decisions may not always be agreeable to all participants and spectator, their decisions are final. No useful purpose is served by shouting disagreement or derogatory remarks.

The referee's right to control the game under the rules means that he or she can caution players or coaches (with a yellow card), eject players or coaches (with a red card), report inappropriate conduct by coaches or others to the Club, or terminate the game. These actions can be taken by the referee as a result of abusive words or actions on the part of players, coaches, or spectators, or as a result of deliberate or flagrant foul committed by players. The referee can impose these sanctions for unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of players or coaches before or after as well as during a game.

Coaches can be held responsible by the referees for the conduct of their team's spectators, and reported misconduct by the coaches, or any failure to exercise adequate control over players or spectator, will be investigated by the coaching coordinator and reported on to the Board, which has the power to take disciplinary actions.

Complaints regarding referee performance or conduct should be directed to the Club in writing (P.O. Box 67038, Scotts Valley, Ca 95067-7038, Attn.: Referee Coordinator) and not be directed to the referees during or after the game.

Players are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times, to be gracious winners and good losers. Players are not to use profanity before, during, or after games, and should treat their teammates, opposing players, and all others with respect.

All spectators are required to be at least three (3) yards back from the sidelines (touchlines). Coaches are asked to assist in the enforcement of this regulation in order to ensure safety of play. No player, coach, or spectator is allowed behind the goal line at any time during a game. No one other than a player who has been admitted into the game by the referee pursuant to a proper request from the coach may enter the playing field at any time during a game. (The one exception to this rule is a coach who has come onto the field to assist an injured player when signaled to do so by the referee).

The facilities upon which we play have been provided to us by local schools and parks department, pursuant to permits for which we have paid. Players, coaches, and spectators have a responsibility to help ensure continued availability of these facilities by seeing that they are clean, undamaged, and free from litter when they leave, and that they are only used during the permitted hours. Those who see anyone misusing these facilities should bring this to the immediate attention of a coach, referee, or a Club official.

DISCIPLINE

Unexcused absences from practices and games is sufficient cause for a coach to contact a player's parents and to discuss with player and parents the possibility of discipline or suspension from the team. Coaches can sideline players for disciplinary reasons only when all other approaches (such as parent contact) have been used, but such action requires concurrence of the Coaches' Representative. In extraordinary circumstances, a player may be removed from the program or from a team after a hearing before the board or before a special committee appointed by the Board.

The following penalties will be strictly enforced:

A player or coach receiving a red card will automatically be suspended at a minimum from the following game (including playoff games). Additional suspension may be imposed, based upon the severity of the offense, at the discretion of a special disciplinary committee. All red cards will be entered into the District II database.

A player or coach who receives three (3) yellow cards during the course of the season shall also be suspended for one game, the game following the issuance of the third card.

Any player or coach receiving two (2) red cards during one season, or any coach whose team receives three red cards during one season, shall appear before a special disciplinary committee.

The special disciplinary committee may be appointed by the President, and shall be composed of at least three members, at least one of whom shall be the Coaching Coordinator or the Referee Coordinator. In the absence of such appointment, the Board shall act as such committee.

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

The Club will provide a numbered shirt, shorts, and socks for each player. These may be kept by those players who finish the season. Players will furnish their own soccer shoes and shin guards.

The Club will furnish the coach of each team with soccer balls. The coach is responsible for furnishing additional balls, practice cones, and any other equipment deemed necessary for practice and games. Each coach is urged to furnish a first aid kit for his or her team. The Club will also furnish one goalkeeper shirt per team. The coach is advised to have one other goalkeeper shirt of a different color available for use when playing a team whose jerseys match the color of the issued goalkeeper shirt.

The schedule will designate one of the two teams as a "home" team. The coach of the home team is responsible for furnishing the referee with a properly inflated game ball (and a back-up ball if requested) prior to the game. The coach of the home team should also provide a completed game card to the coach of the visiting team sufficiently in advance of the scheduled starting time to allow that coach to complete the visiting team portion of the game card. In case of a color conflict, the home team is required to obtain and wear an alternate uniform shirt to avoid the conflict. The referee is the final judge as to whether the colors conflict.

PROPER DRESS FOR SCHEDULED GAMES

Each player shall wear an issued jersey tucked into the shorts, issued shorts, issued socks (pulled up), shin-guards inside the socks and regulation soccer shoes or sneakers (with or without cleats). Soccer shoes with cleats are recommended, particularly for wet or muddy fields. Screw-in cleats must be tight and in good condition. The referee will inspect shoes prior to the game and will not allow players to participate wearing shoes whose cleat condition could prove dangerous to other players. All players are required to wear shin-guards at all practices and games.

Goalkeepers may wear soft knee or elbow pads. They may also wear warm-up or sweat pants when the weather is cold or the goal area is rough. If the goalkeeper is moved to a different position during the game, this extra equipment must be removed prior to the resumption of play.

Players may not wear baseball hats, bracelets, necklaces, wristwatches, or any other object which could cause injury to the player or to other players. Jewelry (including earrings) shall not be allowed. A player may not play with a cast, even if it is padded. Long hair should be tied back with soft material or rubber bands, and headbands and bandannas are permissible if they are the same color as the uniform.

Additional clothing, such as shirts or long pants, may not be worn over the uniform while a player is playing in a scheduled game. Sweatclothes may be worn under the uniform in wet or cold weather. "Spandex" type compression shorts may be worn under the uniform shorts if they are the same color as the shorts and do not extend to the knee.

WEATHER, CANCELLATION, AND RESCHEDULING The Club's general game policy is that the game will be played regardless of weather conditions. Games will not be canceled due to rain if the field is still in playable condition. A wet or muddy field is not considered sufficient reason to cancel a game; however, consideration will be given to possible damage to the field as a result of play. If games are to be canceled due to rain conditions, we will attempt to cancel all games scheduled for that day and games will not be rescheduled for Class 4 teams.

Only Club officials or the assigned referee may cancel a game on the field. This may only be done on an individual basis after inspection of the field. If the weather is such that the field will obviously be unplayable, the Field Coordinators can cancel games prior to the scheduled time of play. In the event of rain, teams should assume that the game will be played and proceed to the field unless they determine otherwise. Every effort will be made to have information about the status of games and fields on the Club phone (336-3312) after 8am on game day or during normal practice days.

PRACTICE AND SEASON PLAY

Team practice field and practice time assignments will be made by the Field Coordinator and must be adhered to and may only be changed with the approval of the Field Coordinator and the Board.

U-6 and U-8 teams use no. 3 balls; U-10 and U-12 teams use no. 4 balls; and all other teams use no. 5 balls. U-6 teams play (4) 8 minute quarters, U-8 teams play (2) 20 minute halves; U-10 teams play (2) 25 minute halves; U-12 teams play (2) 30 minute halves; U-14 teams play (2) 35 minute halves; U-16 teams play (2) 40 minute halves; and U-19 teams play (2) 45 minute halves. Under FIFA rules, players are entitled to at least a 5 minute half-time rest period.

Five under-6 players and five under-8 players or seven players for other age groups, are required for the start of play for a scheduled game (although coaches may agree to start a practice game or scrimmage with fewer players). A team which cannot field sufficient players for a game within fifteen minutes of the scheduled starting time shall forfeit that game. The coaches of the forfeiting team and its scheduled opponent may agree to hold a practice game with fewer players, but the practice game cannot be returned to scheduled status nor any forfeit waived if additional players later arrive.

Regular season games that are tied at the end of regulation time shall remain ties, and no tie-breaking system such as a shoot-out or overtime period shall be permitted. Playoff or tournament games may, by rule, provide for such tie-breakers in accordance with the Rules of the Game.

The coach of the home team is responsible for calling in the score to the Club phone and to fill out and return to the Publicity Coordinator any written report of the game that is requested. All scores should be reported no later than Sunday evening following the game.

The Club schedules a referee for every game. If for any reason a referee fails to appear at game time, the coaches of the two teams may, by agreement, provide for one or more people to officiate the game. If the two coaches are unable to agree, each shall act as or designate a referee for one of the two halves. Any failure of a referee to appear as scheduled should be reported to the Referee Coordinator.

The emphasis of our program is on regular season play. Standings are maintained within the U-10 and U-12 age groups, or divisions of those groups, by the record of regular season play with 2 points awarded for a win and 1 point for a tie. Where two or more teams tie for a position, finishing position will be determined by their won/lost record in direct play between themselves. If they remain tied, they will be considered co-holders of that position.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

CYSA provides insurance coverage for registered players, coaches, and referees. The CYSA policy is a secondary insurance that pays any claim or part of a claim that is not paid by the injured party's normal carrier.

Coverage begins at registration and is in effect for the entire season (including any related post-season play). The Club has insurance claim forms. If an injury should occur, the claim form should be filled out and forwarded to the CYSA office immediately.

Coaches who have openings on their team should not allow new players to practice with the team until they have been properly registered since there will be no insurance in effect for that player at that time, nor should any unregistered player be allowed to participate in any practice or game for any reason. Please see a form 8000 in CYSA Team Manual.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR U-6 PLAY SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR UNDER-8 PLAY

Under-6 and under-8 rules and regulations are different in some respects from the rules and regulations for other age groups. This is to allow beginning players more time with the ball and more playing experience. The primary differences are as follows:

Under-6 and under-8 uses a smaller ball (size 3). U-6 on 20 by 30 yd field. The goals will be large Pugg goals. The game will consist of four 8 minute quarters no goalies. U-8 on a smaller field (50-60 yards long 30-40 yards wide). There is no penalty area, and goals are slightly smaller (6 feet high, 15 feet wide). The game will consist of two 20-minute halves.

Rules For U6

General Principles for Referees and Parents:

- safety first-stop play for injury, unsafe situations, excessive roughness
- let play go on when possible – yell "play on" if players are unsure
- stay close enough to play to see it well, but don't run over anybody!
- help restart promptly after stoppages (goals, goal kicks, kickoffs, corner kicks, etc.)
- encourage and praise both teams, but refrain from continuous instruction. This is important - the game is for the players to make decisions and learn from experience.

Preparation: Check equipment for safety. No earrings, watches, necklaces, rings or hard hair barrettes. Socks are worn outside shin guards. Home team provides the ball. Use coin toss or just choose a kick off team.

Start the game on time. Game duration: 4 8 minute quarters with 1-minute substitution break. 5 minute halftime. Four players on the field from each team, no goalies.

Substitution break: At about the 8-minute mark of each half, blow whistle for a sub break with the clock running. Do not stop play during possible scoring situations! Allow coaches to reposition players; restart game with a kickoff by the other team.

Kickoff: ball should be kicked forward, into the opposing half.

Goal kick: taken by any defensive player from *near the corner of the field*. U6 goal kicks should not be taken from in front of the goal. Say "goal kick."

Corner kick: any offensive player from the corner arc. Say "corner kick."

If players argue over who takes the kick, here are two ideas: a. closest player gets the ball and takes the kick. b. players take turns.

At any free kick, opposing players must be at least 6 yards away. Step off distance if necessary.

Sideline out of bounds: nearby adults should tap (soft kick) an out of bounds ball back into play. Throw-ins can be difficult and time consuming at this age; better to keep the game going with a short tap inbounds. Perhaps assign a parent to work each sideline.

A goal is scored when the ball goes completely over the goal line inside the goal (be close enough to tell!). When a goal is scored, help restart the game quickly by getting ball and placing it upon the centerline for a kickoff. Give encouragement to the team just scored upon to kickoff and go to goal.

Fouls: Intentional fouls are extremely rare for this age group. Unintentional handballs play on. (Did the arm strike the ball or the ball strike the arm?) Say "Play On!" if not intentional. No slide tackling, pushing, or tripping. Use whistle to stop play, explain the foul, and award a free kick where the foul occurred, but no closer than 6 yards from the goal. Go by the spirit of the rules here, and call fouls when you think it important to do so. But often, a player may fall on their own accord, which is not a foul. Say "Play on!" to let players know there is no foul, or that you choose not to stop play. Giving a player a verbal reminder about the rules may be all that's needed.

Free kicks are all INDIRECT (ball must touch any other player before a goal counts). If it goes in directly from the kick, it is a goal kick for defending team. All opposing players to stay 6 yds away for ALL kicks – step it off if necessary. No kicks given within 6 yards of a goal for either team. It is often helpful, emotionally, for the player who was fouled to take the kick.

Whistle to stop play for injuries with the clock running. Restart with a free kick for the team last in possession, near mid-field. Spectators are not permitted along end lines near goals to avoid distracting the players.

The maximum number of players on the field is 7 per team (one of whom is the goalkeeper), and the minimum is 5. We recommend that each child play goalkeeper at least once each season. The goalkeeper may touch the ball with his or hands only in the goal area. The goal area is 6 yards from the goal post and 6 yards from the goal line.

A second throw-in is permitted after a foul throw. If the second throw is foul, the other team gets to throw-in. There are no penalty kicks for under-8, and all free-kicks are indirect (that is, a second player must touch the ball before it can score a goal). All intentional fouls will result in a free-kick, during which opponents must be 6 yards away or on the goal line.

PROTESTS

Protests of game outcomes or actions taken by the Club may only be taken in accordance with these Rules and Regulation, and may only be based on material violations of the Bylaws, these Rules and Regulation, CYSA or SCCYSL Rules, or a material misapplication of the "Laws of the Game" as modified for the age group in question. Game protests may only be initiated by one of the coaches involved. Any permitted protest shall be initiated in writing, and must be delivered to an officer of the Club within 48 hours after completion of the game or action in question, together with a protest fee of \$50. The protest fee shall be returned if the protest is upheld; if not, it is non-refundable.

The protest shall be heard by a committee composed of the President or the President's designee, and at least two other members of the Board selected by the President. The committee for a game protest should include the Coaching Coordinator and Referee Coordinator, unless disqualified or unavailable. No member of the committee shall be a coach, manager, or parent to a member of any team involved in the protest, or otherwise materially interested in the outcome of the protest. The committee shall hear all relevant information about the subject of the protest, and shall render a decision within seven days of submission of the protest. The decision of the committee shall be in writing and shall be personally delivered or mailed to the protesting party and other interested parties within 24 hours after it is rendered.

The committee's decision is final. It may be appealed to the Protest & Appeals Committee of the SCCYSL in accordance with its Rules and Regulation.

SCOTTS VALLEY/SAN LORENZO VALLEY SOCCER CLUB

BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1. NAME

This Club shall be know as the SCOTTS VALLEY/SAN LORENZO VALLEY (SV/SLV) SOCCER CLUB.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Club shall be to provide an organizational structure for a fall season youth soccer program, and to develop and promote the game of soccer among youth under 19 years of age in the area served by the Club.

ARTICLE 3. AREA

The SCCYSL has specified that there are no area boundaries.

ARTICLE 4. AFFILIATION

This Club shall be an affiliated club of, and comply with the rules, regulations and policies of, the California Youth Soccer Association (CYSA), the U.S. Soccer Federation (USSF), and the Santa Cruz County Youth Soccer League (SCCYSL), and shall be subject to all the legal rules and regulations of each organization.

ARTICLE 5. PLAYERS

All boys and girls residing in Santa Cruz County or attending schools in the area described above between the ages of four (4) through eighteen (18) shall be eligible to play, subject to any suspensions or restrictions imposed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

All players shall abide by the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Club, and all applicable rules and regulations of the organizations with which this Club is affiliated.

ARTICLE 6. VOTING MEMBERS

The voting members of this Club shall consist of the following:

1. Each member of the Board of Directors.
2. Each co-coordinator or assistant coordinator appointed by the Board of Directors. The coach, or his/her representative, of each affiliated team which has participated in the current season.

ARTICLE 7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of members shall be held each year in Santa Cruz County, California, within the area served by the Club, at a time and date to be designated by the President not later than 45 days after the last scheduled game of the season. Notice of the meeting shall be given in writing to the members at least 14 days in advance. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of those voting members present at the meeting. Each voting member of the Club present at the meeting shall be entitled to one vote. A secret ballot may be requested by any voting member.

The Board of Directors for the next calendar year shall be elected at this meeting. Nominations for office may be made by any member. Seconded nominations will be voted upon, unless the nominee withdraws his/her name. The nominee receiving a majority of votes cast is elected. In the event that an election does not take place on the first ballot, the names of all the candidates receiving five(5) votes or more will be listed alphabetically for the next ballot. If election fails on the second ballot, the names of the two candidates with the highest vote count will be listed alphabetically for the final ballot. Decisions made at this meeting shall be by majority vote of those present and voting, except that any amendment of the Bylaws of this Club shall be by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present. Proposals to amend the Bylaws may be made at the meeting without prior notice.

ARTICLE 8. ADMINISTRATION

A. Board of Directors

The Club shall be governed by the Board of Directors, which shall be composed of the following:

President: who shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Club, conduct all meetings, cast a vote only in case of a tie, appoint temporary committees when the need arises, and be the official liaison with the SCCYSL.

Vice President: who shall preside at meeting and act as President in the absence of the President, direct fund-raising activities, and initiate such specific activities or programs designed to improve soccer quality within the Club membership as may be directed by the Board.

Secretary: who shall keep an accurate record of meetings of the Board and members, handle all correspondence and maintain communication with Board members, and make up and maintain game schedules and reschedule postponed games, subject to the approval of the Board.

Treasurer: who shall maintain all accounts, receive income and bills, prepare payments, and maintain all financial, tax and non-profit association records and reports, and direct and coordinate preparation of an annual budget.

Coaches' Coordinator: who shall recruit and select coaches for all affiliated teams, develop and maintain a program to improve the coaching skills of the Club's coaches, hold coaches' meetings and clinics as needed, and represent the coaches at the meetings of the Board of Directors. This position can be broken into two positions at the discretion of the Board, one serving Scotts Valley, the other serving San Lorenzo Valley.

Referee Coordinator: who shall organize referee schedules, hold referee meetings, conduct clinics, and supervise the conduct and payment of referees and maintain their records.

Registrar: who shall keep an accurate record of all players registered in the Club, and submit the required registration forms to SCCYSL/CYSA and otherwise comply with SCCYSL or CYSA registration requirements, including preparation of player identification cards.

Sponsor Coordinator: who shall supervise the acquisition of team sponsors for all teams, maintain communications with the sponsors, and insure payment of the maintain records regarding sponsor fees. The sponsor coordinator shall be assisted by two co-coordinators, one from Scotts Valley and one from the San Lorenzo Valley.

Field Coordinator (SV): who shall supervise the acquisition and development of fields for the Club usage within the Scotts Valley area, allocate such fields for practice among the teams, coordinate with school districts and other organizations for provision of long-term field maintenance, and oversee preparation of fields for games.

Field Coordinator (SLV): who shall supervise the acquisition and development of fields for the Club usage within the San Lorenzo Valley area, allocate such fields for practice among the teams, coordinate with school districts and other organizations for provision of long-term field maintenance, and oversee preparation of fields for games.

Recognition/Picture Coordinator: who shall provide chairpeople for Club activities such as picture day, awards night and work parties, as needed. This position can be broken into two positions at the discretion of the Board, one serving Scotts Valley, the other serving San Lorenzo Valley.

Fund Raiser Coordinator: who shall supervise all fund raising activities. This position can be broken into two positions at the discretion of the Board, one serving Scotts Valley, the other serving San Lorenzo Valley.

Uniform and Equipment Coordinator: who shall coordinate the procurement and distribution of all team uniforms and balls, and maintain an appropriate equipment inventory. This position can be broken into two positions at the discretion of the Board, one serving Scotts Valley, the other serving San Lorenzo Valley.

Publicity Coordinator: who shall arrange all appropriate publicity for the activities of the Club. This position can be broken into two positions at the discretion of the Board, one serving Scotts Valley, the other serving San Lorenzo Valley.

Web Page Coordinator: who shall coordinate and maintain the club's web page, posting information for events, club calendar, game schedules etc. as agreed upon by the board.

B. Responsibilities

The Board shall have exclusive responsibility for the following matter, in addition to or as part of the normal responsibilities of the Board:

Enforcing and interpreting the Articles and Bylaws of this Club, and recommending amendments as needed.

Adopting, revising, enforcing, and interpreting the Rules and Regulations of this Club.

Creating and modifying geographical areas within the Club for the scheduling of games.

Overseeing and approving the selection, retention and assessment of coaches for all affiliated teams. The Board shall make appropriate investigations into these matters, establish corrective measures to be followed by the parties concerned, and may remove a coach.

Coordinating and enforcing the assignment of practice fields and practice times.

Creating and filling additional positions on the Board, including Coordinators, as required, and filling vacancies in any of these positions for the balance of the term of the vacant office.

Having ultimate supervision of all duties assigned to the officers of the Club.

Term of Office

The members of the Board of directors shall be elected for a one (1) year term by the voting members of the Club at its Annual General Meeting and shall take office January 1st or at the first Board meeting following the Annual General Meeting, whichever shall first occur in any calendar year. Any vacancy on the Board of directors shall be filled by appointment by the Board as soon as possible, and the appointee shall serve in this capacity until the end of the term.

Meetings

Regular meetings of the Board of directors shall be held once a month at a time selected by the Board or if no time is selected, at the call of the President given by telephone, personally, or by writing deposited in the mail.

Special meetings may be called by the President or by three (3) members of the Board in the same manner as for regular meetings.

All meetings, including the Annual General Meeting, will be conducted in accordance with these Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order.

The Order of Meetings recommended is as follows:

Call to Order

Introduction of Guests

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Reports of the Board Members

Committee Reports

Communications & President's Report

Unfinished Business

New Business

Items of Importance

Adjournment

Quorum

A quorum for the transaction of business is 50% or more of the members of the Board then holding office. All decisions, unless otherwise noted, shall be taken by affirmative vote of a majority of those members present at a meeting at which there is a quorum.

Removal from Office

Any member of the Board absent from three (3) successive meetings of the Board without just cause is subject to removal from office by majority vote at any subsequent meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present. A director may be removed from office for any reason by vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of all of the directors of the Board then in office.

ARTICLE 9. AMENDMENTS

Any amendment to the Bylaws of this Club shall require approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board members present and voting to be forwarded to the Annual General Meeting for adoption, and shall require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present at the Annual General Meeting or any legally held meeting called for the purpose of Considering amendments in the Bylaws and at which a quorum is present. The Board may approve amendments to the Bylaws and provisionally operate under such changes until the next scheduled Annual General Meeting. Amendments to the Bylaws may also be proposed from the floor at the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE 10. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal accounting period for the purpose of maintaining Club records and preparing reports shall be a fiscal year commencing January 1 and ending December 31.

ARTICLE 11. NON-PROFIT PURPOSE

This association is a nonprofit public benefit and is not organized for the private gain of any person. This association is organized and operated exclusively for a charitable purpose within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (2) by an

organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. No substantial part of the activities of this association shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the association shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidates for public office.

The property of this association is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of the organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any Director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person. On dissolution or winding up of the association, its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of this association, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code