

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.

Membership in the MISA is open to recreational soccer clubs in Marin County, but not exclusively to: Mill Valley Soccer Club, Tiburon Peninsula Soccer Club, Ross Valley Soccer Club, San Anselmo Recreational, West Marin Soccer League, San Rafael Soccer, Dixie Youth Soccer Association, Corte Madera Football Club, and Novato Youth Soccer Association. 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.

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

Please see policies relating to Protests and Appeals in the MISA PAD Policy. All decisions of the MISA Board are final, and there are no appeals.

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 number of teams. Second payment of 50% is due by October 31st of the same year, or 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

- - Age Groups:** MISA clubs shall operate using the same age schedule, as mandated by US Club Soccer, and agreed to formally by the MISA clubs. No player may participate in a younger age group. The MISA Board of Directors reserves the right to make exceptions in cases of extreme special/medical need, allowing a player to play in a younger age group.
 - 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. All teams must be evenly balanced with the club. No core teams may be retained.
 - Roster Cards:** Each team shall have a laminated roster card, including a list of the registered players, as well as a photo of the player identified by the players name. The roster cards shall also contain the name of the Head Coach, and up to TWO Assistant Coaches. The roster card shall be approximately 8 ½ x 11”.
 - Roster Card / Referee Review:** Roster Cards must 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. The infringement and reason for lack of roster shall be reported to the Club Board and MISA. Teams that do not have a roster card for pre-game player/coach check-in may be subject to forfeiture of the game at the discretion of the MISA BOD.
 - Game Cards:** Referees shall complete game cards for every MISA game including the date, score, coach’s 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 spectators viewing from the opposite sideline. There is no viewing from either end-line.
 - 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.
 - Casts/ Splints:** 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.
 - Goal Keepers:** Keepers shall wear a jersey, or vest, of a color other than that of either team or the referee.
 - Playing Time:** Every player, present and fit to play, shall play not less than one-half of the game time, including playoffs and tournaments. A game may be forfeited if any eligible player, **regardless of practice attendance**, does not play the minimum time of 50%.

Player participating on more than one MISA Team – Only under special circumstances, and with the approval of the MISA Board of Directors, can a player participate on more than one team that is participating in the Marin Interleague Soccer Alliance. The MISA BOD must formally vote on the matter, and may request the name of the players participating on up to TWO MISA teams. In all cases, the approved player participating on up to TWO MISA teams, must be on the Roster Card, following the guidelines stated above with respect to MISA Roster Cards.

Under 19 (Player) Exception Multiple Team; High School Team, MISA Team: A U19 player may play on a high school team as well as a MISA team.

U12 – U19 Select Team / MISA Team: Players are not allowed to participate in games with a competitive team at any point while they are playing for a MISA team, during the MISA season, August 1 through November 15, of any playing season. Players are not allowed to participate in practices, trainings, or scrimmages, with a competitive team at any point while they are playing with a MISA team, during the MISA season, August 1 through November 15, of any playing season.

Roster Size: The maximum roster size for Under 12 and Under 14 teams, participating in MISA shall not exceed 18. The maximum roster size for Under 16 and Under 19 teams, participating in MISA shall not exceed 22. Alliance clubs may request a special exemption to the maximum roster sizing, during a MISA board meeting. The MISA BOD shall hear any request and formally decide on each case, based on its own merit.

Red Card: In the event that a MISA player receives a red card (or two yellow cards resulting in a red card/player ejection), the MISA player is suspended for a minimum of one game. The penalized player shall serve his/her suspension, not playing in the next game. The MISA BOD, and the MISA Clubs reserve the right to increase game suspensions, and possible bans, based on the severity of the incident, a players actions following the incident, or a players previous history.

Violations of the MISA Protocols: The MISA Board of Directors shall issue penalties for any violation of the protocols. The MISA Board shall determine penalties at their monthly board meeting, at the discretion of the simple majority of the board.

Playing Rules:

Please see MISA Playing Rules.

Marin Interleague Soccer Alliance Coaching, Team Staff Member, Player, Spectator/ Parent Suspension Policy

In all cases, the Marin Interleague Soccer Alliance (MISA) will enforce the suspensions issued by any one of the eight MISA clubs such as if a coach, player, team staff member, or spectator/parent has been suspended by their home club; the coach, player, team staff member, or spectator/parent is also suspended from coaching, playing, or attending any MISA game, event, training or otherwise, in accordance with the suspension set forth by the home club. Additionally, the terms of any imposed suspension by one of the eight MISA

clubs shall be enforced by all eight MISA clubs, in accordance with the suspension set forth by the MISA club determining such a ruling. MISA reserves the right to disqualify any team not acting in accordance with their home clubs suspensions, including but not limited to one specific game, or disqualification from participating in future games. MISA also reserves the right to enforce forfeiture of games in which it is determined that a team participated in a game in which a suspended coach, player, team staff member, or spectator/parent participated in any role, and or attended in any capacity. In all cases, the suspended coach, player, team staff member, or spectator/parent may only appeal their suspension to the MISA club ruling on the original suspension. In no case shall the MISA Board of Directors overrule a MISA club who issues a suspension. The Marin Interleague Soccer Alliance Board of Directors shall not hear a request for an appeal hearing on a suspension set forth by any one of the MISA clubs.

Marin Interleague Soccer Alliance Coaching, Team Staff Member, Player, Spectator/Parent Banned from Participation Policy

In all cases, the Marin Interleague Soccer Alliance will enforce the banning of a coach, player, team staff member, or spectator/parent issued by any one of the eight parent MISA clubs in accordance with qualifications of the ban set forth by the MISA club issuing the ban. In all cases, a banned coach, player, team staff member, or spectator/parent shall be banned from coaching any player or team, participating in, or attending any MISA game, training or event, for any and all of the eight MISA clubs. Additionally, the terms of any imposed ban by one of the eight MISA clubs shall be enforced by all eight MISA clubs, in accordance with the ban set forth by the MISA club determining such a ruling. MISA reserves the right to disqualify any team not acting in accordance with their home clubs imposed ban, including but not limited to one specific game, or disqualification from participating in future games. MISA also reserves the right to enforce forfeiture of games in which it is determined that a team participated in a game in which a banned coach, player, team staff member, or spectator/parent participated in any role, and or attended in any capacity. In all cases, the banned coach, player, team staff member, or spectator/parent may only appeal their ban to the MISA club ruling on the original ban. In no case shall the MISA Board of Directors overrule a MISA club who issues a ban of any term. The Marin Interleague Soccer Alliance Board of Directors shall not hear a request for an appeal hearing on a ban set forth by a MISA club.

Responsibilities of the MISA Club, issuing a Suspension or Ban

In all cases, a Marin Interleague Soccer Alliance club shall suspend or ban a coach, or player, using the policies and procedures set forth to do so, by the individual clubs bylaws. Each MISA club shall complete their process of suspending or banning a coach, player, team staff member, or spectator/parent and when completed, the league or club President shall notify the MISA Board of directors within 48 hours of such a determination or ruling. This notification shall be made in writing and sent to all currently serving members on the MISA Board of Directors, as well as the MISA League Administrator. Additionally, the MISA club issuing a suspension or ban shall notify the MISA board of directors of the individuals name,

and the specific terms of the suspension or ban. MISA reserves the right to request that any club who issues a suspension or the banning of a coach, player, team staff member, or spectator/parent, may be required to provide one league official to attend that specific teams MISA games, or other MISA events including that team.

Additionally, any MISA club issuing a suspension or the banning of a coach, player, team staff member, or spectator/parent must report their decision to US Club Soccer, in accordance with the current terms as required by US Club Soccer.