

**CYSA DISTRICT VII POLICY REGARDING BOUNDARY RESTRICTIONS
AND FACILITIES USAGE BY MEMBER LEAGUES**

RECITALS

A. Pursuant to Article 1:04 of its Constitution, California Youth Soccer Association-North (“CYSA”) has sanctioned or created geographical sub-divisions within each of its districts. These sub-divisions are known as “Leagues.”

B. CYSA further defines the term “League” in Policy Interpretation Memorandum (“PIM”) 78-1 as, *inter alia*, a “structured organization operating within a specified community or otherwise defined geographical area within a given **CYSA** district, whose purpose it is to offer competition to the teams registered with it.”

C. Pursuant to Article 1:04:03 of the CYSA Constitution, “[a]t no time will there be more than one (1) league within the same geographical area, unless they are distinctly designated as outdoor and indoor leagues, except as provided in Article 1:05:02.”

D. Pursuant to Article 1:05:01 of the CYSA Constitution, “[n]o team may apply for membership directly to this Association. Team registration must come through an affiliated League.”

E. The CYSA Constitution requires that “[a]ll member leagues shall be responsible for governing those persons and their actions associated with their operations. Teams shall abide by the league rules under which they are registered and in which they are playing.”

F. Additionally, a “club” is defined in PIM 78-1 as a “structured organization whose purpose it is to sponsor one or more teams to play soccer in a **CYSA** affiliated league or leagues. ***A club must be under the direct control of a league affiliated with CYSA. CYSA does not affiliate clubs, only leagues.***” (Emphasis added.)

G. Article 1:05:11 of the CYSA Constitution provides as follows: “All non-member teams or leagues who are not part of an organization recognized by the United States Soccer Federation, within the territorial jurisdiction of this Association, shall be deemed as an ‘Unaffiliated Organization.’ Any registered team or affiliated league playing games or ‘doing business’ with an unaffiliated organization, without the written consent of the Board of Directors, shall face disciplinary action and/or suspension by the Board of Directors. Teams and individuals not formed under a league affiliated with **CYSA** may be allowed to participate in **CYSA** events upon complying with **CYSA** Board of Director requirements.”

H. On or about July 14, 2010, the Leagues of District VII approved and adopted the following policy: “District 7 respects the right of every player to choose any CYSA League within which to register. The League of registration shall require all play and practice for its registered players to be within its geographic boundaries, excepting participation in an approved CYSA or District playing league, approved CYSA/District 7 tournaments, other sanctioned CYSA/District events, and joint

agreement between CYSA Leagues for play, including the use of guest players. Any requests from teams registered or otherwise organized outside District 7 to practice or play within the geographic boundaries of District 7 shall require the approval of the District 7 Commissioner.”

I. Prior to and since the adoption of the aforementioned District VII policy, a number of soccer organizations and teams, both affiliated and unaffiliated with CYSA, have attempted to operate within the geographical boundaries of one or more Leagues without the consent of said League(s). Such operations include but are not limited to training sessions, tryouts and games.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and for the purpose of enforcing the Constitution, By-Laws and Policy Interpretation Memoranda of CYSA, as well as the rules and requirements, policies and procedures of District VII, the Leagues of District VII adopt the following policy:

POLICY

1. League Boundaries. The Leagues shall respect and honor the geographical boundaries of each and every League within District VII, and shall take whatever steps are reasonably necessary, including but not limited to the discipline of club and/or team officials, to ensure that all clubs and teams registered within a League respect and honor the geographical boundaries of any and all non-home Leagues.

1.1 This restriction does not prohibit a League from using a privately-owned facility outside its own geographical boundaries for a specifically defined, limited purpose provided reasonable written notice is given to the League in which the facility is located. A private facility does not include any facility owned or operated by a city, county or municipality, whether incorporated or unincorporated, flood control district or similarly-situated publicly-owned or operated entity.

2. Team And Player Registration. The Leagues shall require that all player registration, coaching staff and team official selection and registration, and team formation are conducted in strict accordance with the Constitution, By-Laws, rules, regulations and procedures of CYSA and the registering League.

2.1 In furtherance of this agreement, no League shall accept for registration any team(s) formed by means or persons not previously granted approval by said League, or formed by means or persons in violation of the Constitution, By-Laws, rules, regulations and procedures of CYSA and the registering League.

2.2 Additionally, no League shall accept for registration any teams formed by a club where the whole of said club is not under the direct control of that League.

3. Scope Of Policy. The Leagues of District VII do not intend this Policy to replace, supplant or contradict the Constitution, By-Laws, PIMs, policies or procedures of CYSA.