



Buckeye Premier Youth Soccer League Constitution

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I. Name of League

The name of this organization shall be the Buckeye Premier Youth Soccer League, DBA Buckeye Premier and / or BPYSL.

II. Mission

To insure the best possible competitive play between the highest level teams to aid in soccer player development. For purposes of qualification under this section, the Board of Directors of the Buckeye Premier Youth Soccer League, (a.k.a. Buckeye Premier), shall be solely responsible for determining if teams in a club/organization whose members are requesting entry are competitive and should be accepted for participation in the league.

III. Owners, Board of Directors, Officers

The members of the Board of Directors of Buckeye Premier are the sole owners of the Buckeye Premier Youth Soccer League.

There shall be a minimum of five (5) members of the Board of Directors. Any vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board of Directors. There shall be no less than one member from each of Districts 1, 2, and 3 of OSYSA.

The Board of Directors shall elect on an annual basis, during July of each year, a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Board of Directors shall, by majority vote of its members, establish and / or amend all policies and procedures of the league.

IV. Management and Administration

The Buckeye Premier Board of Directors shall manage Buckeye Premier with administrative support from individuals and committees appointed by the Board of Directors.

Buckeye Premier shall maintain membership in the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association and US Youth Soccer and/or other affiliates of the United States Soccer Federation, (a.k.a U.S.S.F.).

V. Divisions

Buckeye Premier may be comprised of boys and girls youth soccer teams ages Under 8/9 through Under 19. The league may offer multiple divisions in each age group. Division size will be determined by strength of teams.

VI. Participation

At least 60% of all of the teams in each age division, the teams of which are eligible to participate in the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series, shall be from Ohio South. Teams from other US Youth Soccer state associations or other USSF affiliates may make application to participate in the league.

VII. Teams

The Board of Directors shall have the right to accept teams based on application information provided and past team performance. Acceptance of clubs/teams is the sole responsibility of



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Buckeye Premier Board of Directors based on evaluation of the application and other information.

VIII. Match Day Administration

Match day administration is the responsibility of the assigned referees and the head coaches of each team.

X. Schedule

The league's objective is to allow coaches or their representatives to schedule a minimum of 6 games and a maximum of 8 games, (unless approved by the league president), allowing for recognized event conflicts. In accordance with Ohio South Rules, each OSYSA team's schedule must include a minimum of five (5) matches with teams domiciled within the boundaries of Ohio South to qualify for participation in the Ohio South State Cup or President's Cup.. The Board of Directors will publish a list of recognized conflicts on an annual basis.

XI. Travel/Hosting

For the purpose of league competition in Buckeye Premier, Permission to Host/Travel Forms are not required.

XII. Field Usage Fees

The league will pay for reasonable field usage fees, established and agreed to by the league president prior to scheduling or rescheduling a match. Field usage fees will be included in the annual league fees and will be paid directly by the league.

XIII. Player Eligibility

For teams participating in the league with OSYSA / US Youth registered players, player eligibility will be the same as the player eligibility of the National Youth Soccer Championship Series. For teams participating in the league with players registered with a different USSF affiliate, player eligibility will be as defined by that USSF affiliate.

If a team cannot field at least 7 players, the team will be dropped from Buckeye Premier.

XIV. Coach Eligibility

Coaches must have completed in its entirety all OSYSA Risk Management forms and submit such information on an annual basis to the league with their team's registration. Teams from state associations outside Ohio South will be required to comply with OSYSA Risk Management guidelines. Teams registered through a national association other than Ohio South / US Youth Soccer shall comply with the Risk Management procedures of that association.

Coaches must have completed the internet based State of Ohio mandated concussion awareness training course available through the National Federation of High Schools' website, <http://www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=38000> and submit proof of completion of said course on an annual basis to the league with their team's registration. Although certification following completion of the course is valid for three years, the certification must not



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expire prior to the end of the seasonal, (August 31st), for which the coach is registering. For most coaches, this requirement shall mean that they must complete the concussion awareness training course at not less than two year intervals.

XV. Team Eligibility

All teams from within the boundaries of Ohio South, must first register their teams with the Buckeye Premier league. If they choose to participate in another Ohio South league simultaneously with their league play in Buckeye Premier, they may get their passes and roster cross stamped by the other league after they have been issued and approved by Buckeye Premier.

Teams that fail to comply with this requirement to register their players and team with Buckeye Premier prior to their registration with any other OSYSA league may at the discretion of the Buckeye Premier Board of Directors, be dropped from participation in the league.

XVI. Player and Coach Passes

For teams registered as an OSYSA team, player and coaches passes will be the same as required by the US Youth Soccer National Youth Soccer Championships rules and will be issued passes as required by Ohio South Youth Soccer Association of if associated with an out-of-state team, by their home state association. Buckeye Premier shall recognize Director of Coaching passes

XVII Team Rosters

For teams registered as an OSYSA team, the league shall use the US Youth Soccer Roster form. OSYSA domiciled teams must have their rosters approved by a Buckeye Premier league registrar. All out-of-state teams must have their rosters approved by an authorized state official of each team's USYSA National State Association Team rosters should have a minimum of nine (9) players returning from the previous season to ensure that a team can defend their record. In addition, teams must follow the registration and rostering rules of their respective state association.

All Out-Of-State teams, shall provide the league office a copy of their approved roster prior their participation in their first league match.

XVIII. Precedence of Matches

US Youth Soccer National Championship competition matches will have priority over Buckeye Premier matches. However, all scheduled Buckeye Premier matches must be played. A team must play a minimum of 5 scheduled league matches to be eligible for State Cup play. Matches that have been scheduled but not played prior to November 15th for the Fall season and that have not been played prior to June 21st for the Winter / Spring season may be declared as a forfeit for one or both teams, as determined by the league president.



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IX. Discipline

The President of Buckeye Premier may create a Disciplinary Committee of disinterested parties to hear complaints regarding the conduct, actions, participation of members and other matters of interest to the league. The Disciplinary Committee can choose to act or not act on any matter brought before it or may act upon a matter of its own volition.

All parties in any matter acted upon by the Disciplinary Committee shall have the right to be heard by the committee and shall have the right to present witnesses and/or documents to support their position.

Any adverse action taken by the Disciplinary Committee may be appealed as provided by Ohio South's rules or of the USSF association with which the team is registered.

Any violation of **the** rules, regulations and/or policies of Buckeye Premier may be subject to disciplinary action.

XI. Match Officials

Match officials will be assigned under the authority of the Board of Directors of the Buckeye Premier working with pre-selected certified referee assignors.

XII. Protests

All Protests must be submitted in writing and mailed via certified US Mail to the Buckeye Premier league president within 48 hours of the scheduled kickoff time of the match being protested. The protest must be accompanied by a bond of \$250.00, (certified check or money order) payable to Buckeye Premier. The fee will be refunded only if the protest is upheld.

The league president will appoint a protest committee of disinterested parties to hear all protests. See section 10.0 of the Buckeye Premier Youth Soccer League Policies for additional information regarding protests.

XXIII. Matters Not Provided For

The Board of Directors of Buckeye Premier shall have final authority in all matters not specifically provided for in this constitution or the league's policies.

XXIV. Dissolutionment of League

Upon dissolution of the Buckeye Premier Youth Soccer League, the assets of Buckeye Premier shall be distributed for one of more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of Hamilton County, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operate exclusively for such purposes.