

**Bylaws
Of
North Sound Youth Lacrosse
Adopted 8/5/13**

MISSION STATEMENT:

North Sound Youth Lacrosse supports youth lacrosse 1st through 8th grade who live in the Washington state counties of Snohomish, Island, Skagit and Whatcom. Our mission is to develop our young players into solid lacrosse players while maintaining a positive coaching environment that builds self-esteem and honoring the game by instilling the values of sportsmanship.

ARTICLE I: Name of Organization

A. The name of this organization shall be North Sound Youth Lacrosse (NSYL).

ARTICLE II: Purpose and Objective

A. The purpose and objective of the NSYL is to support the Mission Statement.

B. To promote these goals, the NSYL will work cooperatively with:

1. Greater Eastside Youth Lacrosse League
2. Seattle Metropolitan Youth Lacrosse Association
3. South Sound Lacrosse League
4. U.S. Lacrosse Washington Chapter
5. Washington High School Boy's Lacrosse Association

ARTICLE III: Membership

A. Membership shall consist of organizations who are Regular Members of the NYSL.

1. Membership in NSYL shall be open to any amateur, community based youth lacrosse organization which is not-for-profit, maintains an open membership and is located within our geographical region as specified within our rules and regulations. Specifically, an organization sponsoring a youth lacrosse program may be a member of NSYL if it meets the following conditions.
 - a) The organization must agree to promote the game of lacrosse among youth in a safe and sportsmanlike environment.
 - b) The organization must be not-for-profit.
 - c) The organization must have open registration. Registration must allow for participation regardless of sex, race, creed, color or religion.
 - d) No player may be paid for his or her participation in the organization whether the same be money or other valuable consideration.
 - e) The organization must pay on a current basis all NSYL dues and fees.
 - f) The organization must maintain an appropriate liability insurance policy.
 - g) The organization must select a representation to the organization to be a member of the NSYL Board of Directors.
 - h) The organization must abide by and follow all NSYL Bylaws and Rules and Regulations as adopted by the Board of Directors as well as submit an Organizational Packet each year.
 - i) The organization must draw its players from a defined geographical region that is consistent with the NSYL Boundaries and Play for Rules found with the rules and regulations.
2. Failure of a Member to abide by these By-laws and the policies adopted by the Board of Directors shall be subject to disciplinary action up to a including suspension as decided by the Board of Directors.

3. Any Member subject to disciplinary action shall have the right to appeal that decision to the Board of Directors for reconsideration and to the Membership as provided for in these By-laws.

B. New Organizations

1. Application for new membership must be made in writing to the NSYL Board of Directors prior to January 1st of the upcoming season.
2. The written application for new membership should include the following:
 - a. Action plan on how the organization is going to field a team(s) and grow lacrosse in their community.
 - b. An agreement/contract with proof of a home field for hosting games and;
 - c. Completed NSYL Organizational Packet.
3. The Board of Directors will review the application and in the event that further information is needed will request it in writing from the applying organization. Such organization will have 15 days to respond to any request. The Board of Directors will consider the application as well as feedback from the Washington High School Boy's Lacrosse Association when making their decision for league admittance. Newly approved members will receive Provisional membership for the first year after which a simple majority vote will affirm their permanent membership.

C. Programs in Distress

1. Programs in distress and in jeopardy of collapsing should notify the NSYL Board of Directors immediately. The Board will work with the program and assist where appropriate.

ARTICLE IV: NSYL Governance

A. The affairs, property, and operation of the NSYL shall be governed and managed by Board of Directors as limited by these By-laws.

1. Such operations could include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Policy re: costs, dues and fees;
 - b. Policy re: organization eligibility;
 - c. Policy re: player divisions and player eligibility;
 - d. Policy re: coaches eligibility;
 - e. Policy re: discipline for players, coaches and organizations;
 - f. Policy re: boundaries;
 - g. Policy re: game and practice regulations;
 - h. Policy re: field, equipment and uniform requirements;
 - i. Policy re: game rules, officiating;
 - j. Policy re: scheduling.

B. Each organization shall have a designated representative on the Board of Directors. No organization shall have more than one representative on the board.

C. Annual elections shall be held at the end of season meeting.

1. The Secretary of the NSYL shall announce in writing what Board positions are up for election 14 days before the end of season meeting date.
2. All those seeking election to the Board must submit their name to the Secretary prior to or at the end of the season meeting.

D. All amendments to the By-laws and any change to the current league divisional alignment are to be made by the Board of Directors as outlined below.

1. Once adopted, these By-laws can only be amended by the Board of Directors

2. Amendments to the By-laws or divisional alignment shall require a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors for passage at a meeting.

E. The Board of Directors shall consist of an executive board consisting of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer; with the remaining members serving at-large.

F. Executive Board members will be voted on annually and may be an additional term if voted in.

G. The Board of Directors shall meet monthly or as deemed necessary by either the President of the Board or a Majority of the Board.

1. Board meetings shall be conducted at a location which permits attendance by conference call.

2. "Robert's Rules of Order – Newly Revised" Shall govern all matters of procedure not covered in these By-Laws.

3. No business may take place unless a quorum of two-thirds of the Board members are present, either in person or by conference call.

4. The Board may enact by majority vote any policy, procedure, or practice not in violation of these By-laws to regulate the affairs of the NSYL.

5. Failure of a Board member to attend a Board meeting will result in that organization losing their voting rights for the subsequent Board meeting until fine is paid. Failure of a Board member to attend a second board meeting will result in a monetary fine.

6. Monetary fine will be in the sum of \$50.00 of the 1st offense and \$100.00 for the 2nd offence and will go up in increments of \$50.00 when missing consecutive meetings.

H. Board Subcommittees

1. The Board is authorized to create subcommittees to establish policy positions and/or recommendations on various topics for Board action.

2. These subcommittees may, but are not required to be headed by Board members.

3. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- a. Admission of new teams;
- b. Player eligibility;
- c. Coaching qualifications;
- d. Discipline for players, coaches, organizations;
- e. Field, equipment, uniform requirements;
- f. Game rules modifications, officiating;
- g. Scheduling;
- h. Website;
- i. Special Events.

I. Duties of the Board of Directors

1. The Board President shall;
 - a. Make sure that all other roles are being executed well. Keep team on tasks and hold people accountable for the jobs they took on.
 - b. Work with Secretary to schedule all board meetings. Oversee and control board meetings.
 - c. Step in as issues arise during the season and provide leadership to resolve.
 - d. Serve as the NSYL representative for the Four Regions Council.
2. The Board Vice President shall;
 - a. Negotiate with Ref association to renew contract when required (typically every other year).
 - b. Serve as primary interface with Ref association during the year.
 - c. Drive the annual preseason coach education night and coordinate the annual coach's meeting.
 - d. Administer the coach sanction and referee mentoring program throughout the season.
3. The Board Secretary shall;
 - a. Set-up board meetings throughout the year, book rooms, send out notifications.
 - b. Primary source of communication to all board members.
 - c. Take minutes and publish after each board meeting.
 - d. Order and distribute "Honor the Game" stickers before each season.
4. The Board Treasurer shall;
 - a. Build budget before each season, present to board for discussion.
 - b. Supervise bookkeeper and hold accountable.
 - c. Analyze budget at the end of the season and report to board.
 - d. Renew board's insurance.
 - e. Oversee master scheduler.

ARTICLE V: Vacancies

A. Vacancies on the Executive Board due to resignation, removal or death shall be replaced at the next meeting.

ARTICLE VI: Compensation

A. All members and officers of the NSYL shall serve without compensation, except they will be allowed reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of their regular duties.

B. Such reimbursement requires approval from the Executive Board and shall be disclosed in the financial statements of the NSYL.

ARTICLE VII: Fiscal Year

A. For accounting purposes, the fiscal year of the NSYL shall begin on the 1st day of July and end on the 30th day of June.

ARTICLE VIII: Financial Responsibility

A. No member or officer of the NSYL may incur any expense or debt in the name of the NSYL without specific approval or authorization from the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX: Non-liability

A. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Directors and Representatives of the NSYL all serve as volunteers and shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or other obligations of the NSYL.

ARTICLE X: Definitions

A. NSYL: North Sound Youth Lacrosse

B. Board of Directors: those representatives from each organization of the NSYL to govern and manage the affairs, property, and operation of the NSYL.

C. Provisional Membership: non-voting status for first year teams meeting criteria for Provisional Membership to the NSYL.