

**Bylaws Of
North Sound Youth Lacrosse
June 10, 2024**

MISSION STATEMENT:

North Sound Youth Lacrosse supports youth lacrosse for players in the boys' game through 8th grade who live in the Washington state counties of Snohomish, Island, Skagit, San Juan 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 NSYL.

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 representative of the organization to be a (representative) 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 within 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 subject the member to disciplinary action up to and 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 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. Written outline of roles and responsibilities within the organization.

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 when making their decision for league admittance; a 2/3 majority vote of member is required for admission. Newly approved members will receive Provisional membership for the first year after which a simple majority vote will affirm their permanent membership, unless waived by the board unanimously.

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 the 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. A second member of the organization may accompany the representative. NSYL meetings are otherwise closed, except by invitation of the executive board.

C. Annual elections shall be held at the first meeting after the end of the spring season if possible. Terms run from September 1 to August 31.

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 League 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 as at-large representatives of the board.

F. Executive Board members (Vacant Positions) will be voted on annually and may serve (2-year terms) and additional term(s) 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 league business may take place unless a quorum of two-thirds of the Representative Board members are present, either in person or by conference call.

4. The **Executive** Board of Directors 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 an organization to attend a Board meeting will result in that organization losing their voting rights for the subsequent Board meeting. Failure of an organization to attend a second board meeting will result in a monetary fine.

6. The first monetary fine will be in the sum of \$50.00 and will go up in increments of \$50.00 when missing consecutive meetings. The Board may waive or reduce the fines by a 2/3 majority vote.

H. Board Subcommittees/League Positions

1. The Board is authorized to create subcommittees or hire if there is a need to establish policy positions, complete league tasks, and/or recommendations on various topics for Board action. A few of these roles include:

- a. Tournament Planning Committee/Tournament Coordinator
- b. All State Planning Committee/Coordinator
- c. Website Management

- d. Other
- 2. These subcommittees/league positions may, but are not required to, be held 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 Event

I. Duties of the Executive 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.
- 2. The Board Vice President shall;
 - a. Negotiate annual terms for referees.
 - b. Serve as primary contact for referee issues.
 - c. Host the annual preseason coaches' meeting.
- 3. The Board Secretary shall;
 - a. Set-up board meetings throughout the year, book rooms, send out notifications, as needed.
 - b. Serve as the primary source of communication to all board members.
 - c. Take minutes and publish after each board meeting.
- 4. The Board Treasurer shall;
 - a. Build a budget for each season, present to board for discussion and approval.
 - b. Supervise bookkeeper and hold accountable (if applicable).
 - c. Make monthly financial reports to the board.
 - d. Renew board's insurance.
 - e. Ensure compliance with state and federal requirements related to NSYL.

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 board members of NSYL shall serve without compensation, except they will be

allowed reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of their regular duties or if hired into an additional role within the League.

B. Such reimbursement requires approval from the Executive Board and shall be disclosed in the financial statements of the NSYL, and reported at the next board meeting.

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.