

The Washington Youth Soccer Board of Directors has posted several proposed amendments to the WA Youth Soccer Bylaws for comment by the members. These amendments are in response to two recent proposed changes from the membership, as well as from the Board's own review of the Bylaws.

The Board has received, and continues to receive, comments and questions from the members. This FAQ addresses some of those questions and comments. In some cases, the comments and questions may lead to further discussion by the Board before a final vote on the proposed amendments. This document will be updated as more comments and questions are received.

1. Process for Amending Bylaws – Article 13

What constitutes a majority of the Council? A majority vote of the Council means an affirming vote by more than half of the votes present, as long as there is a quorum.

2. Districts – Article 10; Section 5.3.1(e); Section 11.2.3

Why has the title to this section replaced the term “ District Board” with the term “District Organization”? The term “District Board” implies that there is a nonprofit corporation in place to serve the functions assigned to Districts. The proposed amendments remove the requirement, but not the possibility, that every district have a nonprofit corporation. If a district does not have a nonprofit corporation, it will not have a board. The term “District Organization” is a more general term which allows for varying organizational configurations among the districts. Current district nonprofits with boards are included in the term “District Organization”.

Why have District Commissioners been removed from the Soccer Operations Committee?

The proposed amendments don't preclude having district commissioners serve as the representative to the SOC. They remove the requirement that the representative **must** be the district commissioner. Under the proposed amendments, the district may choose the person that it believes will best serve as the SOC representative. This may be the district commissioner, or it may be someone else. It is up to each district to decide how it will select its SOC representative.

3. Member Voting Status – Section 5.2.2

No questions received on this topic as of May 13, 2014

4. Council Voting Rules – Section 6.3.5

No questions received on this topic as of May 13, 2014

5. Immediate Past President – Section 8.10

Does the additional year provided by this proposed amendment count as a vacated year of office? No. If the outgoing President serves an additional year on the board as an ex-officio, non-voting immediate past president, this year will not be considered a vacated year. That person must completely leave the board for at least a year before being eligible to run for election.