

**Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association
Proposed Constitution and Bylaw Amendments**

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

Section 6.01: *The existing Constitution did not adequately define our “member Organizations” and “affiliated Leagues”, so that has been added here.*

Article 8: *The current provisions governing the Annual General Meeting and special membership meetings have been consolidated and made more readable; in addition, the updated version clarifies the definition of “Delegate”.*

Section 8.05: *The current provision has been deleted, since the mechanics for determining a valid proxy are now being defined by the Board of Directors. Also, the update version “freezes” the relative voting power of member Organizations and affiliated Leagues as they existed at the end of the 2018-19 seasonal year, which is the last full seasonal year where voting power was determined without the adverse effects on registration resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic; this “freeze” will continue until, and apply to determine voting power through the first full seasonal year following the Board’s determination that the current, or any future pandemic is not materially and adversely impacting player or team registration numbers.*

*The new **Article 10** implements and makes permanent the authority of Mass Youth Soccer to conduct meetings of the membership via remote means. Absent this express authority in the Constitution, the legal ability to hold “virtual” meetings of the membership would lapse once the current state of emergency is rescinded in Massachusetts.*

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Section 5.04: *For most of its recent history, the Leagues Committee has focused on supporting the regional and recreational leagues in Massachusetts through MTOC, the end of season championship for the top two divisions in each of our affiliated Leagues. It is Mass Youth Soccer’s belief that the Leagues Committee can and should provide more and different value to both the state association and its affiliated Leagues. The updated provision offers a more explicit statement of purpose and a clearer organizational structure, thereby providing a stronger guide to govern its mission.*