

**Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association  
Proposed Bylaw Amendment  
Bylaw 7. Funding**

**CURRENT VERSION**

**7. FUNDING**

7.01. Fees.

Player and adult membership fees and payments are recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the Members before such fees and payments can take effect. If no action or agreement is reached regarding fees or payments, the existing fees or payments shall remain in effect.

All player and adult membership fees will go to the general fund. The general fund will be used to pay: USSF/USYS membership fees; insurance costs; other appropriate services and programs to Organizations and affiliated Leagues; and general administrative costs and the costs of the Instructional and Development Programs. Financial shortfalls incurred by self-funded Mass Youth Soccer programs are also funded by the general fund. Any such shortfalls shall be repaid to the general fund in subsequent years.

7.02. Player Membership Fee.

The player fee is an annual fee and, once paid, the player is fully affiliated with Mass Youth Soccer and USSF/USYS for the seasonal year. The player fee is the sum of:

- 7.02.1. the fee as determined by USSF and USYS, and assessed each year to Mass Youth Soccer; and
- 7.02.2. \$9.00 which includes the fee increase levied on September 18, 2005 of \$3.00 that is specifically marked and only spent on the field development project in Lancaster and associated maintenance. The increase shall be in effect for only the period of time necessary to repay the loans associated with the field development project in Lancaster.

7.03. Adult Membership Fee.

The adult fee shall be \$11.00. If, in the future, USSF and USYS increase the annual fee for adults, said increase shall automatically be added to the \$11.00.

It is an annual fee and, once paid, the adult is fully affiliated with Mass Youth Soccer and USSF/USYS for the seasonal year, subject to complying with applicable provisions of the CORI registration policy.

All volunteers and adults compensated by an Organization or affiliated League must be affiliated including, but not limited to, coaches, assistant coaches, managers, administrators, helpers, and in-house referees. Non-affiliated individuals may not perform any role in an affiliated program.



### **RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Currently the process of making any changes to player and adult membership fees calls for a change to the Mass Youth Soccer bylaws. This requires an amendment approved by the Board of Directors and adopted by a majority vote of the Members. It is the desire of the amendment submitter to treat setting of membership fees as a matter separate, and not requiring an amendment of the Mass Youth Soccer bylaws. If accepted, the proposed revised language will require an identical process for changing membership fees (i.e. approval of the Board of Directors and adoption by the majority vote of the Members) without requiring an amendment to the bylaws.