



AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 29-JULY 2, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2023 National Annual General Meeting (**NAGM**) of the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) will be held on June 29-July 2, 2023, at the Atlanta Marriot Marquis. The NAGM will have several sessions, including, the Proposed Rules & Regulations and Bylaws Amendments Review, Budget Review, Q&A panel and speeches by candidates for National Board of Directors and National President.

The NAGM annual business meeting session (the “Business Meeting”) will be held on **July 2, 2023, beginning at 8:00am (ET)**. The following matters will be presented for action at that Business Meeting.

- Voting on the proposed amendment to the Rules & Regulations
- Election of five Directors to the National Board of Directors
- Election of the National President
- Motion to increase the National Player Fee
- Consideration of such other matters as may be properly brought before the Business Meeting

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL RULES & REGULATIONS AND BYLAWS

There is one proposed amendment to the National Rules & Regulations that has been submitted for consideration and voting at the Business Meeting. The proposed amendment is described below.

Proposed Amendment – Rules & Regulations – Amend Article 1.C.(1) f (3) & Section 13 (14U) within National Rules & Regulations. This proposed amendment seeks to allow each Region and Area the ability to decide to play unlimited substitution for the U-14 Program.

MOTIONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEMBERSHIP FOR APPROVAL

There is one motion that has been submitted for consideration and voting at the Business Meeting. The motion is described below.

Increase to the AYSO National Player Fee (NPF) – The National Player Fee (NPF) shall be increased by \$5.00, from \$20.00 to \$25.00, effective at the beginning of the 2024 Membership Year (MY2024).



ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Candidates for Director. The following individuals have been nominated as candidates for election as **Directors** to the **National Board of Directors** in accordance with National Bylaw Sections 4.04(a) and 4.04(b).

- **Michael Cassidy**
- **Margie Close**
- **Richard Goldberg**
- **Kris Graff**
- **Michael Karon**
- **Al Prado**
- **Jeff Ransom**
- **Gary Van Otten**

Members of the National Board of Directors whose terms will expire at the close of the 2023 NAGM are: **Margie Close, Michael Karon, Jeff Ransom, and Eileen Tabert** (“Expiring Terms”). Additionally, the remaining two years on the term vacated by **Dan Howald** will be filled (“Vacated Term”).

Directors will be elected at the Business Meeting session starting at 8:00am (ET) on Sunday, July 2, 2023. There will be two votes to fill the five open positions. The first vote will be to fill the Expiring Terms. The second vote will be to fill the Vacated Term and any candidate not elected in the first election will be eligible to participate in the vote to fill the Vacated Term. Therefore, a total of 5 vacancies for director positions will be open in 2023 (4 three-year terms; 1 two-year term).

The opportunity to nominate additional candidates for the National Board of Directors will be given at the NAGM Friday afternoon Business Session starting at 1:30pm (ET) on Friday, June 30, 2023. Any nominated candidate must attend the NAGM in person.

All absentee ballots must be received by the AYSO office either by email or mail by **June 23, 2023**. For information on absentee ballots please go to www.aysonagm.org. Each Executive Member may vote for no more than four persons from the final list of National Board of Directors candidates during the election for the 4 vacant three-year terms, and no more than one person during the vacant two-year term election. The four candidates with the greatest number of votes will be elected to a three-year term to the National Board of Directors. The one candidate with the greatest number of votes in the subsequent election will be elected to the National Board of Directors for a term of two years.



Candidates for National President. AYSO Bylaws require that a candidate for National President be a member of the National Board of Directors. Therefore, the election of members to the National Board of Directors must precede the election of the National President to first determine who is eligible for the position.

The following individuals have been nominated as a candidate for election as the **National President** in accordance with Bylaw Sections 4.04(a) and 4.04(b):

- **Michael Karon** (subject to re-election to the National Board of Directors)

The opportunity to nominate additional candidates for National President in accordance with Bylaw Section 4.04(c) will be provided at the Business Meeting. Each Executive Member may only vote for one candidate from the final list of candidates. If a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for National President, such candidate will be elected as the National President for a one-year term. If, after the first ballot, none of the candidates receives a majority of the votes cast for National President, there shall be another vote between the two candidates for National President who received the highest total of votes cast on the first ballot. The candidate receiving the highest total number of votes in such second ballot will be elected as the National President for a one-year term.

2023 NAGM INFORMATION BOOKLET AND AYSONAGM.ORG

In addition to containing the proposed Bylaws and Rules & Regulations amendments, the 2023 NAGM Voting Information Booklet contains candidates' statements and information for the election of Directors and the National President. The 2023 NAGM Meetings Protocols and NAGM Proxy & Voting Information, including the deadlines for submitting proxies in advance of the NAGM and the deadline for Executive Members and Proxy Holders attending NAGM to register to vote at the Business Meeting will be available at www.aysonagm.org.



ABSENTEE BALLOT

IF YOU WILL NOT BE ATTENDING OR ASSIGNING A PROXY TO THE NAGM ON SUNDAY JULY 2, 2023

Submit this absentee ballot to Patricia Mallan either by email to patriciamallan@ayso.org
or by mail to the AYSO Office at 19700 S. Vermont Ave, Suite 103 Torrance, CA 90502.
All absentee ballots must be received no later than Friday, June 23, 2023

Please refer to the information and instructions on the AYSO NAGM website (aysonagm.org) and the Information Booklet regarding the business to be conducted at the meeting and voting.

The vote represented by this ballot will be cast in accordance with the specifications listed below. **If no instructions are given as to how to vote with respect to a specific item, no vote will be cast for that item.** Receiving or obtaining this Ballot does not presume your right to vote, and the vote will only be counted if you are an Executive Member in good standing.

I would like my votes cast **ONLY AS INDICATED** below (which may include “friendly amendments” from the floor that do not materially change the original proposed amendment, and which may indicate “withhold” from voting on any matter). *This absentee ballot will be voted as marked.*

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Please **SIGN & DATE** and return by email or mail **IF** you are **NOT** attending the meeting either in person or submitting a proxy.

Signature:

Date:

Print Name:

S/A/R:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS & R&Rs	YES	NO
Rules and Regulations #1: Unlimited Substitution for 14U		

MOTION: INCREASE NATIONAL PLAYER FEE	YES	NO
I approve the increase of the National Player Fee by \$5.00, from \$20.00 to \$25.00		

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS - Vote for up to FOUR – THREE YEAR TERM	
Michael Cassidy	
Margie Close	
Richard Goldberg	
Kris Graff	
Michael Karon	
Al Prado	
Jeff Ransom	
Gary Van Otten	

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS - Vote for ONE – TWO YEAR TERM (only candidates that did not get elected to a three-year term will be running for this election)	
Michael Cassidy	
Margie Close	
Richard Goldberg	
Kris Graff	
Michael Karon	
Al Prado	
Jeff Ransom	
Gary Van Otten	

ELECTION OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT - Vote for ONE	
Michael Karon	