



AGM  **26**
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**PROPOSED BYLAW &
RULE AMENDMENTS**

[AS OF JUNE 17, 2026]



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PROPOSAL #1:

AMENDMENT TO BYLAW ARTICLE V & ARTICLE VI

PROPOSER(S)	Gregory Kito, FC Boca Predators
SUMMARY	To impose term limits to the Board of Directors in any position.
RATIONALE	Currently, Board Members may go from one position to another position after the consecutive term limit. This proposal allows the Board to have new Board Members and new ideas every five (5) terms.
RULES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	The adoption of this amendment would not create a conflict with existing FYSA Bylaws or Rules. Whether or not to adopt this amendment is a decision for the Membership.

ARTICLE V | ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

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Section 5 | Term Limitation

- A. The Administrative Officers may not serve more than ~~four (4) consecutive~~ five (5) terms in ~~the same office~~ any position.

Proviso: This will be effective at the conclusion of 2026 AGM. An individual who has served more than five (5) terms after 2026 AGM would not be eligible for election or appointment to a position on the Board of Directors.

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ARTICLE VI | ADDITIONAL OFFICERS

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Section 5 | Term Limitation

- A. ~~Regional Vice Presidents~~ Additional Officers may not serve more than ~~four (4) consecutive~~ five (5) terms in ~~the same office~~ any position.

Proviso: This will be effective at the conclusion of 2026 AGM. Any individual who has served more than five (5) terms after 2026 AGM would not be eligible for election or appointment to a position on the Board of Directors.

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PROPOSAL #2:

AMENDMENT TO BYLAW ARTICLE VII

PROPOSER(S)	Gregory Kito, FC Boca Predators
SUMMARY	Permit the AGM to be held anywhere in the State of Florida.
RATIONALE	Allow FYSA to host the AGM in different locations and/or eventually permit a remote AGM by not specifying a location.
RULES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	<p>The adoption of this amendment would not create a conflict with existing FYSA Bylaws or Rules. Whether or not to adopt this amendment is a decision for the Membership.</p> <p>As a separate matter, FYSA has committed to the AGM through 2029 in central Florida. Additional amendments (e.g., voting) would be required to permit remote participation.</p>

ARTICLE VII | Meetings

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Section 4 | Annual General Meeting

- A. FYSA shall convene an Annual General Meeting (AGM) ~~in Central Florida~~ for an annual report on the status of activities of the association, election of officers, and such other agenda items determined necessary to the conduct of its business in accordance with the following:

1. *[Unchanged]*

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PROPOSAL #3:

AMENDMENT TO BYLAW ARTICLE VIII

PROPOSER(S)	Mike Hyatt, FYSA VP of Administration & Communications
SUMMARY	Change the title of the Executive Director to Chief Executive Officer.
RATIONALE	This is a housekeeping item to keep up with the larger non-profit organizations and State Associations that have already made this change.
RULES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	<p>The adoption of this amendment would not create a conflict with existing FYSA Bylaws or Rules. Whether or not to adopt this amendment is a decision for the Membership.</p> <p>Conforming amendments shall be required in other sections of the FYSA Rules and/or Bylaws.</p>

ARTICLE VIII | BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Section 3 | Duties and Responsibilities

A. The duties and responsibilities of the BOD shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

7. Employ the ~~Executive Director~~ Chief Executive Officer.



PROPOSAL #4:

AMENDMENT TO BYLAW ARTICLE X & ARTICLE XI

PROPOSER(S)	Sean Acosta, FYSA Region D West Commissioner
SUMMARY	Reduce the overall number of Standing Committees and establish Advisory Boards.
RATIONALE	By reducing the number of Standing Committees, the Board of Directors retains the flexibility to establish Committees and Advisory Boards annually based on the evolving needs and priorities of the organization, rather than maintaining committees solely because they are prescribed in the bylaws.
RULES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	<p>The adoption of this amendment would not create a conflict with existing FYSA Bylaws or Policies. Whether or not to adopt this amendment is a policy decision for the Membership.</p> <p>Conforming amendments shall be required in other sections of the FYSA Rules and/or Bylaws.</p>

ARTICLE X | COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY BOARDS

Section 1 Committees

(A) There shall be such standing committees as prescribed in these bylaws. Additional Committees may be established by the President with approval of the BOD.

(B) Standing Committees:

1. Credentials Committee

- i. The Credentials Committee shall be comprised of not less than four (4) members of the Board of Directors. The FYSA Secretary shall serve as the Chair. For the avoidance of doubt, a member seeking office shall not serve on the Credentials Committee.
- ii. The Credentials Committee is charged with determining the correct number of votes to which Affiliates, Officers, Directors, and other such members are entitled to cast at the AGM or any other membership meeting in accordance with FYSA Rules. To accomplish this, the Credentials Committee shall:
 - a. Determine the number of eligible votes for each member.
 - b. Hold at least one (1) meeting annually in preparation for the AGM.
 - c. Transmit the number of eligible votes for each member to the Secretary at least 15 days prior to an AGM or Special AGM.

2. Discipline & Appeals Committee

- i. The President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, shall appoint a Chairperson and Committee for the purpose of hearing appeals and reviewing misconduct. This committee shall be the highest level of appeal and discipline within FYSA. A Hearing and/or Appeal Panel must consist of a minimum of three (3) voting



Committee members.

- ii. The Discipline & Appeals Committee exists to guarantee the rights of individuals to participate and compete. To accomplish this, the Discipline & Appeals Committee shall:
 - a. Empanel members to conduct discipline hearings and decide on State Level actions of players, coaches, administrators, teams and clubs. This includes but is not limited to grievances, appeals, assaults/abuse of referees, matters of registration, and all intra-state matters. A Hearing Panelist shall not serve as an Appeals Panelist for the same matter.

3. Risk Management Committee

- i. The Risk Management Committee shall be comprised of at least four individuals, including the President and Executive Director.
- ii. The Risk Management Committee is responsible for the implementation and management of programs and policies relating to the mitigation of risk for FYSA and its Affiliates. This includes, but is not limited to, background checks, the US Center for SafeSport, insurance claims, the FYSA Risk Management Policies, litigation, required risk training, Florida law, and Federal law (when jurisdictionally appropriate). To accomplish this, the Risk Management Committee shall:
 - a. Adjudicate and make eligibility determinations for current and prospective adult members.
 - b. Review and adjudicate allegations of possible violations of the FYSA Risk Management Policy.
 - c. Review and adjudicate submitted background checks as needed.
 - d. Provide appeal procedures for risk management decisions in accordance with FYSA Rules.
 - e. US Center for SafeSport policies, US Soccer policies, and Florida law (when jurisdictionally appropriate).

4. TOPSoccer Committee

- i. The TOPSoccer Committee shall be comprised of not less than four (4) members.
- ii. The TOPSoccer Committee shall be charged with the support and growth of the TOPSoccer program in Florida. To accomplish this, the TOPSoccer Committee shall:
 - a. Promote education, training, and support for new and existing TOPSoccer programs.
 - b. Engage with existing and potential FYSA TOPSoccer programs.
 - c. Select TOPSoccer award winners in accordance with selection criteria.



Section 3 Advisory Boards

- (A) Advisory Boards are intended to be a group of individuals with relevant subject matter expertise who provide non-binding strategic guidance and insights to FYSA Staff in a relevant business area (e.g., Finance, Personnel, Recreation, Competitions, Community Engagement, etc.).
- (B) Advisory Board(s) may be established and/or disbanded upon request of the Executive Director in consultation with the President and Board of Directors. Advisory Board Members may be appointed by the President and Board of Directors.

Section 3 Appointment of Members

- (A) The Chairperson, unless designated within the bylaws, shall be appointed by the President with approval of the BOD.
- (B) Each ~~committee~~ Chairperson may select their ~~committee~~ members with approval of the BOD.
- (C) With the exception of designated officers, the BOD may remove or replace any ~~committee~~ member if they fail to or improperly perform their duties and responsibilities.

Section 4 Term

- (A) The members of each Committee ~~and/or Advisory Board~~ shall serve for a period of one (1) year, ending at the AGM, except an elected official Chairperson shall serve in that position until the end of their term of office.
- (B) A chairperson may be reappointed to serve additional terms at the discretion of the President.

Section 5 Ex Officio

- (A) The President shall be an *ex-officio (non-voting)* member on all Committees ~~and/or Advisory Boards~~, except for the Discipline & Appeals Committee. ~~The President shall have no vote on any committee.~~

~~Section 6 Authority to Institute Policy~~

- ~~(A) A committee may recommend a policy to the BOD for approval.~~
- ~~(B) Policy recommendations shall be presented as follows:
 - i. ~~Majority opinion shall be decided by a majority vote of the committee.~~
 - ii. ~~Minority opinion shall be presented by the chairperson if requested to do so by the portion of the committee having an opinion differing from the majority vote.~~~~

~~Section 7 Special (ad hoc) Committee~~

- ~~(A) Special (ad hoc) committees may be established by the BOD and/or the President for a single issue purpose. A term for the committee to complete its business and provide a full written report is to be included when the committee is established.~~

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Proviso: Article XI STANDING COMMITTEES, which lists the Standing Committees, is deleted entirely.



PROPOSAL #5:

AMENDMENT TO RULE 102 & ARTICLE III

PROPOSER(S)	Tom Tianich, Greater Hollywood Soccer League President Mickey Briscoe, EDP Soccer Agent of Record Mike Sroka, Greater Center Florida Youth Soccer League President Daniel Prenat, South Florida Premier League Director Shenoy Raghuraj, The Florida League President Kai Velmer, United Soccer Association
SUMMARY	To allow local FYSA sanctioned leagues to accept teams registered with other governing bodies
RATIONALE	In the everchanging soccer landscape this change updates the registration language to better align with current governing-body terminology and to provide FYSA sanctioned leagues with flexibility to accept teams properly registered through other recognized governing bodies. It also helps reduce confusion, supports consistent application of the rule, and ensures the provision remains compatible with US Youth Soccer and US Soccer requirements.
RULES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	The adoption of this amendment would not create a conflict with existing FYSA Bylaws or Rules. Whether or not to adopt this amendment is a decision for the Membership.

RULE 102 | AFFILIATION PROCEDURES

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Rule 102.4 | Associate Membership

C. Associate Affiliate Procedures

1. Any league, by application, agrees that 100% of all teams participating in that FYSA sanctioned league shall be properly registered with ~~FYSA or US Youth Soccer Federation~~.
2. *[Unchanged]*

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ARTICLE III | ADMINISTRATION

Section 8 National Affiliation

1. FYSA is ~~an affiliate a State Association~~ member of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and ~~United States Youth Soccer (USYS)~~, based on the shared goal of promoting youth soccer in the United States.
2. FYSA and its members will comply with the USSF ~~and USYS~~ bylaws, rules, decisions, and policies, which supersede the governing documents and decisions of FYSA.
3. FYSA shall register ~~all~~ players, coaches, teams, and administrators with USSF ~~and USYS~~ yearly and pay all dues and fees to USSF in a timely manner.



PROPOSAL #6:

AMENDMENT TO RULE 404

PROPOSER(S)	Mike Hyatt, FYSA VP of Administration & Communications Tom Tianich, FYSA Region A South Commissioner
SUMMARY	To provide guidance on video camera placement and field equipment usage at FYSA sanctioned games.
RATIONALE	There is currently no direction on proper placement for video cameras and other field equipment at FYSA sanctioned games.
RULES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	The adoption of this amendment would not create a conflict with existing FYSA Bylaws or Rules. Whether or not to adopt this amendment is a decision for the Membership.

RULE 404 | GAMEDAY POLICIES

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404.4 Field Equipment Usage Guidelines

- A. All non-field of play items (i.e. video/audio equipment, signs, tents, banners, chairs, blankets, refuse cans, tables, etc.) should be positioned a safe distance from the field of play and in a manner as not to interfere with the operation of the match or the safety of the participants (e.g., in line with or behind the player's bench and/or parent's bench).
1. Video/Audio equipment should be placed on the side of the field that the responsible party is authorized to access (e.g., if a spectator is responsible, the equipment shall be set up on the spectator sideline). **No person without a valid pass may be on the players' side of the field. The coach is responsible.** Video equipment should be far enough from the field of play to avoid interfering with the game.
 2. If two video cameras are used, it is suggested that the home team's camera be put on the spectator side of the field, to additionally record any possible unwanted actions.
 3. Tent and chair placement shall be a safe distance from sidelines, such as not to impede the progress of AR1/AR2, usually 3-5 feet minimum. The equipment should be properly anchored in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications for safety.
 4. Any other items such as tables, signs, and banners must be out of the way of the competition and are up to the referee's discretion as to safety.

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PROPOSAL #7:

AMENDMENT TO RULE 404

PROPOSER(S)	Mike Hyatt, FYSA VP of Administration & Communications
SUMMARY	Define acceptable shin guards and jewelry.
RATIONALE	The federation hasn't updated the rule since 2001. Older players are wearing 2 ½ inch shin guards and think that will protect them. Law 4 is too vague for youth soccer. Plus, we don't have anything in our rules for jewelry.
RULES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	The adoption of this amendment would not create a conflict with existing FYSA Bylaws or Rules. Whether or not to adopt this amendment is a decision for the Membership.

RULE 404 | GAMEDAY POLICIES

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404.2 Player equipment and wearing of jewelry shall be in accordance with the requirements of the FIFA Laws of the Game and is solely at the referee's discretion of determining if a shin guard is giving reasonable protection and that jewelry is safe.

- A. **Shin Guards.** The shin guard must be professionally manufactured, age and size-appropriate: worn underneath the sock and bottom edge no higher than 2 (two) inches above the ankle.
- B. **Jewelry.** No jewelry is allowed to be worn on the field during play. Religious jewelry may be worn but must have tape over it so to cover it.
- C. **Hats.** Hats may be worn by goalkeepers; the bill must be of a soft material. Beene's may be worn by all players.

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