MISSOURI YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT

PROPOSED BY: Jim McCarthy

I. PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Cite the number of the bylaw proposed to be changed, and write the bylaw as it would appear with the proposed changes.

Bylaw 404. APPEALS - DISTRICT LEVEL

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- **Section 1.** The Association appeals Committee may adjudicate certain cases where charges may not be appropriate for adjudication at the district level. The Association Appeals Committee determines the appropriateness in this instance.
- **Section 2.** The District Appeals Chair shall prepare a written summary of the district hearing, detailing the charges, findings and decisions taken in the case. The summary shall be distributed to all interested parties.
- **Section 3.** The request for an appeal at the district level shall be made in writing, shall clearly, state the facts, procedures and decisions pertaining to the appeal and shall be filed with the District Commissioner or Alternate District Commissioner in the respective district where the appeal arises or President or Executive Director. A district appeal shall be filed within ten (10) days of the decision rendered by the affiliated league or club in writing or via email.
- **Section 4.** Any board member or employee who receives an appeal shall ensure that the documents are promptly sent to the district commissioners and President.

II. HOW THE BYLAW WOULD BE CHANGED

Write the bylaw showing the proposed changes. Underline all new language proposed and strike through all language that is proposed to be deleted.

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III. RATIONALE

Section 2 changes would provide flexibility in appointing the chair of the hearing committee. This helps in districts where the alternate district commissioner lives a good distance from where the hearing needs to be held; i.e.; Rolla and Springfield.

Section 2 and 3 are spelling corrections.

Costs for these changes would be minimal.

IV. BYLAWS AND POLICIES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

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