

Proposed board members must have:

- A high level of skill and experience in at least one of the following governance functions: fundraising, financial management, governance, public relations, audit, strategic planning, executive selection and evaluation, and legal/ethics/risk management
- An adequate combination of experience with, understanding of, passion for, and/or connection to youth soccer
- A willingness to expand knowledge or board responsibilities through orientation and training
- A willingness to represent the organization to the community and general public
- A willingness to participate in board fundraising, and to make an annual contribution to the organization

As a whole, the Governing Board should reflect the geographical and ethnic diversity of the state. To ground the board in realism, the nominating committee, through the annual nominations process, shall insure that the board of directors includes approximately 20% of its members who maintain a “grassroots” connection to the current membership and programs of Washington Youth Soccer.

Prospective board members should understand that they will have the following responsibilities as a Washington Youth Soccer Director:

Governance of the entire organization, including the following responsibilities:

- Develop and Communicate Mission and Purposes
- Determine, Monitor and Strengthen the Organization’s Programs and Services
- Select and Support the Executive Director; Assess His or Her Performance
- Ensure Effective Organizational Planning
- Ensure Adequate Resources
- Manage Resources Effectively (Financial Oversight)
- Recruit and Orient New Board Members and Assess Board Performance
- Enhance the Organization’s Public Standing
- Ensure Legal and Ethical Integrity and Maintain Accountability

Serving as a board member typically requires 6-8 hours per month, with duties which include:

- Attendance at board meetings held quarterly
- Participation in periodic conference calls
- Service on at least one governance committee
- Attendance at the Annual Player Fee Meeting and Annual General Meeting