

EAST LANSING SOCCER CLUB CONSTITUTION

AS AMENDED 6/1/2009

ARTICLE I - PURPOSE

- Section I The East Lansing Soccer Club is organized for the charitable and educational purpose of providing instruction, recreation and competition in the sport of youth soccer in the East Lansing area. Emphasis will be placed on maximum player participation by members of the club. Instruction and recreation will be of more importance than competition.
- Section II This Constitution shall govern the fundamental duties of the Board, and shall be read in concert with the Articles of Incorporation of the Club to dictate the manner in which the Club shall conduct its business.

ARTICLE II - ORGANIZATION

- Section I The club will be directed by a Board of Directors elected as set forth herein, consisting of no less than 3 and no more than 14 persons. Eligible Board members must be 18 years of age or older, with the singular exception that the Board may include one individual who is 16 or 17 years of age.
- Section II The Board shall establish, through by-laws and the promulgation of rules, the internal organization and responsibilities of the Board and standards and procedures relating to the conduct of players, players' families, and coaches.
- Section III There will be a meeting held annually in the month of June at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors or by the president for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Directors. Any parent or guardian of any child who has been properly registered with the Club during the season preceding the annual meeting may participate in the meeting, and shall be considered a member of the Club for voting purposes. Where a family consists of more than one child properly registered with the Club, that family may cast one vote per child so registered.
- Section IV Terms of the Board members shall be three (3) years and shall be voted on by the members at the annual meeting. When a Board seat has been vacated due to resignation or removal of a member, or where a seat remains vacant despite its availability at the annual meeting, such seat may be filled by a majority vote of the Board, for a partial or full term as determined by the Board. Unexcused absences from four (4) meetings within a year may constitute grounds for removal from the Board.
- Section V A simple majority of the Board members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any properly convened meeting of the Board of Directors, provided a minimum of 1/3 of the then-elected or appointed directors are present.

Section VI The power to join or affiliate with other soccer organizations shall rest with the Board of Directors.

Section VII The Club shall indemnify and hold its directors and volunteers harmless as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, as amended or restated.

ARTICLE III - PLAYER PARTICIPATION

Section I Player registration will be on an individual basis and shall cover play in both fall and spring. Registration of a participant in any Club program shall be deemed an agreement by the participant and the participant's parent(s) and/or guardian(s) to abide by this Constitution, the By-Laws of the Club, and all established rules, regulations and objectives of the Club as established by the Board.

Section II Individual participation may be limited and/or terminated by Board action because of:

a. Failure to comply with stated rules and objectives, this Constitution, the By-Laws, and/or other established rules and regulations.

b. Failure to maintain an attitude of good sportsmanship on or off the field.

Section III Individual participation shall be limited by available space on teams.

Section IV The Board shall establish and promulgate procedures for investigating, addressing and remedying violations of this Constitution, the By-Laws of the Club, promulgated rules, regulations and objectives of the Club.

ARTICLE IV - FINANCES

Section I Income may be generated by participation fees, donations and fund raising. Fees shall be annually reviewed and established by the Board.

Section II An annual budget shall be presented by the Board and all expenditures shall be consistent with the budget. The budget shall be adopted in May of each year.

Section III An annual report shall be prepared and made available to the public.

ARTICLE V- AMENDMENT PROCEDURES

Section I Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed to the Board, in writing, by any person otherwise eligible to participate in the annual meeting of the East Lansing Soccer Club.

Section II Amendments shall be adopted only upon approval by a vote of 2/3 of the Board

members.

Section III Unless otherwise specified by the Board, no amendment shall take effect before the first day of the season beginning subsequent to the adoption of the amendment. The season shall run from August 1 to July 31.

ARTICLE VI - DISSOLUTION

Section I In the event of dissolution, all assets remaining after the payment of claims against the East Lansing Soccer Club shall be distributed to such organizations qualifying under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, in a manner to be determined by the Board of Directors to best accomplish the general purposes for which the East Lansing Soccer Club was organized.

Adopted 6/1/2009 and enacted and immediately put into effect thereupon by the Board of Directors, in accordance with the Nonprofit Corporation Act, MCL 450.2101 et. seq.

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