

BYLAWS OF THE LEXINGTON SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Article 1 Name

This organization shall be known as the “LEXINGTON SOCCER ASSOCIATION.” This document shall be officially known as the “BYLAWS of the LEXINGTON SOCCER ASSOCIATION.” (hereafter referred to as LSA)

Article 2 Objectives

To promote the sport of soccer, support all organized soccer teams under the jurisdiction of the LSA, and encourage good sportsmanship on and off the field.

Article 3 Bylaws

These Bylaws, as approved February 12th, 1981, amended March 3rd, 1983, amended April 20th, 2000 and again on January 18th, 2005, by a majority vote at the general membership meeting, shall govern the LSA and any other organization affiliated with the LSA. LSA agrees to abide by the rules of the UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION and the league affiliation that has been approved by the Executive Committee of the LSA. These Bylaws can only be amended by two-thirds majority of at least a quorum of the Board of Trustees, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee, at a duly scheduled and publicized meeting of the general membership. A proposal of amendment has to be submitted one meeting and voted on the following meeting.

Article 4 Membership

Section 1. The membership shall be composed of parents or guardians of team members, and other individuals approved by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors. Only parents of team members, coaches, referees, and sponsors shall be automatic members.

Section 2. Any child within the Lexington School District and participating in the regular training sessions shall be considered a member of the LSA, if the parent or legal guardian has signed a release relieving the LSA of all responsibilities for any injuries sustained in connection with any LSA sponsored function.

Article 5 Executive Committee

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee composed of each team’s head coach or his/her designate representative, and a representative of the referees committee. Each of the members of the Executive Committee shall have one vote.

Section 2. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to conduct the business of the LSA except for the responsibilities specifically designated otherwise in these Bylaws.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for establishing the format which teams are assembled.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall be formed each year when teams are assembled and continue functioning until the following year when new teams are assembled.

Article 6 Board of Directors and Elections

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the following officers: a) Chairman b) Vice Chairman c) Secretary d) Treasurer e) Registrar f) Scheduler, g) Board of Regents (BOR).

Section 2. The General Membership shall elect the above officials by a majority vote for a one year term. The elections shall be conducted by the Board of Trustees, who shall be present a slate of officers and accept nominations from the floor.

Section 3. Any general member may request a secret ballot. The election committee can be challenged by any member running for elective office by designating a member in good standing to be present at the vote count. At no time shall a member running for elective office be present at a vote count.

Section 4. Members resigning from the Board of Directors shall be replaced at the next regularly scheduled Executive Committee meeting. This member shall have a term of office equal to the remainder of the term left by the resigning officer. This member shall be nominated and elected by a majority of the Executive Committee. If an officer misses three consecutive meetings he/she automatically resigns from the Board of Directors.

Article 7 Duties of Officers

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and General Membership. Sign all order authorizing capital improvements, equipment and uniform procurements. The chairman shall also enforce the provisions of the bylaws and appoint committees not otherwise provided for.

Section 2. The Vice Chairman shall assist the Chairman in the discharge of his/her duties, shall be in charge of Fund Raising Activities, and shall keep an inventory of all physical property belonging to the LSA.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a correct record of the proceeding of the LSA. Read and help issue all orders, directives, and documents. Conduct the general correspondence necessary so the LSA can properly function. The secretary shall file and keep for future references all correspondence and pertinent records and documents. The secretary shall bring to the attention of the Board of Directors any correspondence upon which action must be taken.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all dues and any other income due the LSA for any fund from any source and give official receipts for it and perform additional functions as follows:

- a) Prepare a report for the regular meeting of the LSA general membership.
- b) Keep all financial records up to date and available for examination at all meetings.
- c) Write and sign checks drawn on LSA funds. The treasurer shall be bonded for a minimum of \$20,000.

Section 5. The Registrar shall register all Lexington School District players wishing to participate in the sport of soccer. The Registrar shall classify all players as to age, gender, school attending, regional residency, experience, and other pertinent information as authorized by the Board of Directors. The Registrar shall conduct scheduled sign-ups as directed by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The Scheduler shall schedule all LSA games. The Scheduler shall schedule the games on fields and during dates as designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. The BOR shall function as the LSA representative to the affiliated league as decided by the Executive Committee. The BOR shall report all information relevant to the LSA at each General Membership Meeting as designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Scheduler and BOR shall attend all Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and General Membership meetings. Any member of the Board of Directors not attending three consecutive meetings without valid reason shall be considered resigned.

Article 8

Meetings

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a month during January, February, March, April, May, August, September, October and November.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month during February, March, May, and August as requested by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. A General Membership meeting shall be held to elect officers each November. General Membership meetings may be held at the request of the Board of Directors.

Article 9 Authority of Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for administering the routine operations of the LSA in the following manner:

- a) Provide for all necessary physical and real property required to train the players to play the game.
- b) Select the most qualified personnel for the coaching staff with the assistance of the Coaching Committee.
- c) Provide or oversee that all players receive fair and equal treatment.
- d) Assure that the player's physical and emotional well being are not sacrificed or compromised to achieve team superiority, personal gain for the coaches or special ambitions of individuals.
- e) To assure that the general interest of the Bylaws are followed.

Section 2. Except for the routine expenses (insurance, equipment, supplies for field maintenance) of operating the LSA teams, all monetary issues shall be resolved in the following manner:

- a) Purchases or expenditures, other than routine, of three hundred (\$300) dollars or less, by majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- b) Purchase or expenditures, other than routine, exceeding three hundred (\$300) dollars by majority vote of the Executive Committee.
- c) All fund raising projects or undertakings shall require approval of the Executive Committee by majority vote.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for scheduling all games, assigning coaches and assistants and making all playing field assignments.

Article 10 Membership Dues & Expense Reimbursement

Section 1. Membership dues are payable prior to the beginning of the season. Membership dues shall be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee upon recommendation of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. No member or elected office holder shall be reimbursed for time or any unauthorized expenses. All authorized expenditures on behalf of the LSA shall be reimbursed on a timely basis following the expenditure.

Article 11 Coaches, Referees and Rules

Section 1. There shall be a coaching committee appointed by the Board of Directors consisting of one coach representing each age group from which teams are assembled. The duties of the Coaching Committee will be assigned by the Board of Directors. The term of the Coaching Committee shall run concurrently with the term of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Each team shall have a head coach.

Section 3. There shall be a Referee's Committee appointed by the Board of Directors consisting of a minimum of three Referees. The term of the Referee's Committee shall run concurrently with the term of the Executive Committee. The Referee's Committee shall be responsible for disseminating the rules of the game, governing the play of the game, and scheduling Referees for the games.

Section 4. The Coaches, Players, and Referees shall abide by the "Coaches, Players and Referees Rules" established by the Executive Committee.

Article 12 Board of Trustees

Section 1. The Board of Trustees shall consist of a representative from each of the following Lexington School District areas: Western, Eastern, Central, and Junior High School.

Section 2. The Trustees shall be nominated and elected by the Executive Committee. The term of office shall be three years.

Section 3. The Trustees shall have general supervision over all funds and property belonging to the LSA. They shall audit on an annual basis or when requested by the chairman all financial records, property inventory and all records under their jurisdiction.

Section 4. The Board of Trustees shall meet at least once per year prior to the November General Membership meeting to nominate a slate of officers and prepare an audit report. The Board of Trustees shall attend the November General Membership meeting to conduct election of officers and present audit reports.

These Bylaws were APPROVED at the General membership meeting held April 20th the Year 2000.

Amendments APPROVED at the General membership meeting held on January 18th of the Year 2005.

Amendments APPROVED at the General membership meeting held on October 17th of the Year 2006.