

CALIFORNIA SOCCER ASSOCIATION – NORTH

CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE I NAME

Section 1 This Association shall be known as the “California Soccer Association North, Incorporated”, also referred to as “CSA-North”.

Section 2 This Association shall be incorporated under the Non-Profit Corporation Laws of the State of California

ARTICLE II DEVELOPMENT OF THE GAME

Section 1 The purpose of this Association shall be to develop, promote, and administer the game of soccer among players, men and women, within the Northern California area.

Section 2 The territory shall be that area of the State of California south from the state line to a line across the state, formed by the southern boundary lines of Kings, Tulare, Inyo and Monterey counties.

ARTICLE III COLORS

Section 1 Official colors of this Association shall be blue and gold.

ARTICLE IV AFFILIATION

Section 1 This Association shall be an affiliate of, and comply with the authority of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), and through such affiliations shall be affiliated through the United States Amateur Soccer Association, Inc. (USASA)

Section 2 All clubs, leagues, associations and organizations affiliated as members or affiliated members must register every soccer player, and every soccer team that is sponsored, financed, coached, or administered by the club, league, association, or organization whether they be male or female (members of traveling teams, competitive teams, intramural programs, recreation programs, or house programs).

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 Membership in this Association shall be by affiliated league and other organizations of equivalent status which may apply for membership in the future.
- Section 2 All members must pay any and all dues, assessment charges, impositions, and fines and a pro-rate of all debts incurred, imposed, levied or fixed from time to time by this Association.
- Section 3 All members shall abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association, all Rules and Regulations as set forth herein and by the Board of Directors, and all applicable rules and regulations of the Federation to which this Association is affiliated.

ARTICLE VI GOVERNING AUTHORITY

- Section 1 This Association shall be governed by its Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, except when these are superseded by the Federation to which this Association is affiliated
- Section 2 The governing authority of this Association, whose powers shall be delegated in the By-Laws, shall be vested with the Board of Directors of this Association.
- Section 3 The Governing board hereafter to be designated as the “Board of Directors”, shall be composed of not less than six (6) Directors.
- Section 4 The Board of Directors shall consist of delegates selected by the leagues as follows. Each delegate shall have one (1) vote.
 - 1. Competitive and Mixed (Competitive and Recreational) Leagues:
 - (a) One delegate for a league having six (6) to nineteen (19) Competitive teams in good standing.
 - (b) Two (2) delegates for a league having twenty (20) or more Competitive teams in good standing
 - 2. Recreational Leagues (No Competitive Teams)
 - (a) One (1) delegate for a league having six (6) or more Teams in good standing.
 - 3. California Youth Soccer Association (CYSA)
 - (a) One (1) delegate for CYSA.
 - 4. Leagues suspended/expelled for misconduct shall lose their Delegate representation privilege during the period of suspension/expulsion.

- Section 5 Each league shall select their Director nominees to the Board of Directors as follows:
- (a) The nominee or replacement shall be selected by the Executive Board of the League. Before the nominee can be certified to the Board of Directors of the Association, he must be presented for approval to the general membership of the League. In the event of rejection, a new nominee shall be selected and the procedure repeated.
 - (b) In selecting their nominee to the Board of Directors, the Leagues shall select persons who have an interest in the game of soccer, are willing and able to discharge executive responsibilities, and can intelligently participate in policy decisions for the good of the Association as a whole rather than its individual members.
- Section 6 The Board of Directors of this Association may elect from their own membership a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary, and an Assistant Secretary who shall not be eligible for appointment as Executive Officers of this Association.
- Section 7 The term of each Director of this Association shall expire thirty (30) days after the date of the Association Annual General Meeting, and each League must either re-certify their Director or certify a new appointee.
- Section 8 The policies of the Board of Directors shall be executed by the following Officers:
- 1. Executive President
 - 2. Executive Vice President
 - 3. Vice President for Promotion and Public Relations
 - 4. Vice President for Development of the Game
 - 5. Vice President for Development of Game Official
 - 6. Executive Secretary
 - 7. Treasurer
 - 8. Four (4) Executive Committee Members-at-Large
- (a) The position of Executive Board members may be filled by anyone nominated and obtaining a majority vote of the eligible voting members present at the Annual General Meeting. If the Executive Board member is a member of the Board of Directors, on his/her election, he/she must relinquish his/her position on the Board of Directors and the League from which he/she represents, shall be entitled to replace the respective persons on the Board of Directors.

(b) The following Executive Officers shall be elected for two (2) years on even years. Executive President, Association Treasurer, Vice President for Development of the Game, and two (2) Executive Committee Members-at-Large.

(c) The terms of office shall commence within thirty (30) days following the Association's Annual General Meeting and shall continue for two (2) years. The initial date of election shall be entered into the minutes of the Board of Directors.

Section 9 The Board of Directors may authorize the Executive President to hire such personnel as may be required for the efficient administration of the affairs of the Association and appoint such committees as the Executive President shall recommend from time to time for the development of the objectives of the Association.

ARTICLE VII DISTRICTS

Section 1 The Board of Directors may create geographical subdivisions within the "Territory" known as districts. The boundaries of these districts shall be fixed and/or modified from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 2 The Executive President shall appoint a District Commissioner to represent the District to the Association, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors and approval by member Leagues of the area to be represented, for a period of one year, after which his efforts will be evaluated and he shall be reappointed or a new District Commissioner shall be appointed.

Section 3 The Board of Directors of this Association shall be empowered to appoint other Commissioners whenever necessary to carry out its instructions.

Section 4 The duties of the District Commissioners shall include the following:

- (a) He/she shall be thoroughly familiar with the Constitution, Bylaws, General Procedures and Specific Rules of CSA-N and be in a position to interpret same. Where there is doubt in his/her mind, a ruling should be obtained from the Executive President of this Association.
- (b) Report in writing to the Chairman concerning progress, etc., in his/her area prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) Be present at all meetings of this Association, unless otherwise excused.
- (d) Be present at the Annual General Meeting of all leagues within his/her area, to advise, when requested, on the procedures for the election of league officers and the proper procedures for the administration of league business.

ARTICLE VIII ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- Section 1 The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held between August 1 and August 31. The exact date shall be set at the previous Annual General Meeting, if not then set, the date shall be set by the Board of Directors. Leagues shall hold their respective Annual General Meeting prior to June 30th of each year.
- Section 2 League shall be given sixty (60) days written notice of the date established for the Annual General Meeting by the Executive Secretary.
- Section 3 Leagues shall be given written notice by the Executive Secretary of the Association of the time and place of the Annual General Meeting as well as the proposals for revising the Constitution, and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations not less than fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting.
- Section 4 The order of business at the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:
1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Credential Report
 4. Reading and acceptance of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
 5. Reports:
 - (a) Executive President
 - (b) Executive Vice President
 - (c) Vice President for Promotion and Public Relations
 - (d) Vice President for Development of the Game
 - (e) Vice President for Development of Game Officials
 - (f) Treasurer
 - (g) Executive Secretary
 - (h) Committees
 6. Unfinished Business
 7. Proposals for change of Constitution, Bylaws, and/or Rules and Regulations.
 8. Election of Officers
 9. Next Years Budget
 10. New Business
 11. Questions and Answer period open to Members and invites.
 12. Adjournment
- Section 5 Nominations for office or any proposal to alter or amend the Constitution and Bylaws, or Rules and Regulations must be mailed or delivered to the Executive Secretary not later than sixty (60) days prior to the date set for the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Secretary shall mail to all eligible members not later than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting notification of all nominations, proposals, and/or

amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations. Nominations, proposals and/or amendments received after the sixty day limitation may not be considered.

Section 6 Only business of which the Members have been previously notified, as above, shall be voted upon at the Annual General Meeting except when approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present at the Annual General Meeting.

Section 7 No Executive Board Member shall be recognized at the annual General Meeting as a Delegate for any member of the Association. Delegates shall be certified by each league and shall be entitled to vote with the Board of Directors on Constitution matters, subject to the voting limitations set forth in Article VI section 4 of this Constitution.

Section 8 Leagues failing to be represented at the Annual General Meeting of the Association after proper notice has been sent to said League shall be fined the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

Section 9 All Leagues (except Recreational and CYSA) failing to have a delegate or alternate be represented at regular monthly meetings of the Board of Directors shall be fined the sum of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars each meeting. A delegate or alternate must be elected by their respective League in order to sit on the CSA-N Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1 Special Membership Meeting of the Leagues may be called, upon the written demand by a majority of Members or on demand of six (6) or more of the Board of Directors to the Members at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. The demand for the special Membership meeting must be addressed to the Association at its business address, by registered mail, and shall specify the reason for the demand and the proposed agenda for said Special Membership Meeting.

Section 2 The Secretary of the Board of Directors shall indicate in the notice to the Members the time, place, and agenda of the Meeting. If the Board of Directors' Secretary does not act to call such Special Membership Meeting within seven (7) days after the mailing of the demand, the Membership of the Association of the members of the Board of Directors demanding said Special Membership Meeting may appoint one of their number to issue the notice of the time, place, and the agenda of the Meeting to all Members.

ARTICLE X

VOTES

- Section 1 At all meetings, each Member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to votes as follows:
- (1) Competitive and Mixed (Competitive and Recreational) Leagues.
 - (a) One (1) vote for a League having six (6) to nineteen (19) Competitive Teams in good standing.
 - (b) Two (2) votes for a League having twenty (20) or more Competitive Teams in good standing.
 - (2) Recreational Leagues:
 - (a) One (1) vote for a League having six (6) to nineteen (19) Competitive Teams in good standing
 - (3) CYSA is entitled to a total of one (1) vote on the Board of Directors.
 - (4) Leagues suspended/expelled for misconduct shall lose their representation during the period of suspension/expulsion.
- Section 2 A quorum at the Annual General Meeting or a Special Membership Meeting shall consist of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the eligible voters although a lesser number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is present.
- Section 3 No member of the Executive Board or hired personnel or person not affiliated with Member League is allowed to represent any League on the Board of Directors.
- Section 4 The voting for the election of the officers of the Executive Board shall be by secret ballot.
- Section 5 Nominees for election to the Executive Board must be present at the Annual General Meeting to be eligible for election.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

- Section 1 Amendments to the Constitution of this Association shall be made at an Annual General Meeting or a Special Membership Meeting. The Executive Secretary shall send notification to all Members of any changes or amendments which are made to the Constitution which are adopted.
- Section 2 On any proposal to amend the Constitution submitted to the Annual General Meeting, the Chair shall entertain only a motion to accept the

proposals. After such a motion has been seconded, the Members shall vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the acceptance of the proposals. If no such motion is made or there is no second to the motion, the proposal is automatically rejected.

Section 3 An amendment to the Constitution shall be deemed adopted by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of a quorum present at the Annual General Meeting or a Special Membership Meeting of the Association at which 50% Plus One (1) of voting members present.

Section 4 Voting shall be by open Ballot. The results shall be published.

Section 5 At the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the Annual General Meeting, the Board shall make tabulations of its membership and establish a quorum for the meeting of the ensuing year.