

## **EVANSVILLE SOCCER CLUB CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Evansville Soccer Club and shall be known as the Club for all purposes hereinafter enumerated.

### **ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

The Club shall teach good sportsmanship, leadership, and teamwork skills, educate young participants and adult sponsors in the fundamentals of the game of soccer, promote the game of soccer through sponsorship of regularly scheduled soccer competition, special soccer events and conduct such other educational activities as are deemed appropriate to the promotion of youth soccer activities.

### **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

The club shall be made up of the players, all of the parents of the players, coaches and Executive Council members.

### **ARTICLE IV. ADMINISTRATION**

The Club shall be governed by its constitution, By-Laws, and Policies and Procedures.

### **ARTICLE V. FUNCTIONS AND AUTHORITY**

- A. The Club shall exercise the functions set forth in this Constitution and By-Laws
- B. The Club shall establish the requirements for membership in the Club, admit new members, and assist teams in meeting the requirements to become or remain member teams.
- C. The Club shall schedule all regular season games and may schedule make-up games and replay of disputed games for U-8 and U-10 leagues.
- D. The Club may schedule tournament games.
- E. The Club may arrange or assist in arranging competition and exhibition games with non-member teams. Competition, exhibition, or practice games within or without of the club may be arranged by member teams so long as such games do not interfere with games scheduled or arranged by the Club.
- F. The Club shall establish requirements for the registration of all players and may facilitate registration of teams in other organizations.
- G. The Club may make available insurance for players and may contract for liability insurance for officers and other representatives of the Club and for coaches of member teams.
- H. The Club shall have the authority to settle all disputes, to discipline coaches, players or officials of member teams and of the Club and to take appropriate action against any person or member team found in violation of this Constitution, the By-Laws, or Policies and Procedures of this Club.
- I. The Club may represent a member team in any dispute with a club or team of any Association.
- J. The Club shall have such other authority as may be necessary or appropriate to carrying out its purpose, objectives and specific authority.

## **ARTICLE VI MEETINGS OF THE CLUB**

The Club shall have an annual membership meeting, to be held between February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. The club shall have other membership meetings at the discretion of the Executive Council or upon written request of the President by representatives of at least one-third (1/3) of coaches of the Evansville Soccer club.

## **ARTICLE VII. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THEIR TERMS**

- A. The Executive council shall consist of the President, Vice President, Past President, Registrar, Secretary, Treasurer, Age Level Commissioners, Field Commissioner, Referee Commissioner and the Equipment Coordinator, who shall be elected by members as described in Article VIII.
- B. The authority of the Evansville Soccer club, unless otherwise delegated in this constitution, shall be vested in the Executive Council. However, the club members may review, ratify, alter or reject any action of the Executive Council at any meeting of the Club. Ratification of any act of the Executive Council shall be by a simple majority of the members voting. Alterations or rejection of any act of the Executive Council Members shall be by a two-third (2/3) majority of the members voting and no such alteration or rejection shall have retroactive application.
- C. The term of President shall be two (2) years. All remaining Executive Council members shall be one (1) year, commencing June 15<sup>th</sup> following the election. There may be an unlimited number of consecutive terms.

## **ARTICLE VIII. ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- A. Election of Executive Council Members shall be held at the Annual Membership Meeting of the Evansville Soccer Club.
- B. Balloting shall be by the members present with each member casting one vote for each position being filled. At the request of any member, voting shall be by written secret ballot. In the case of secret ballot, the President shall appoint a committee from those present to collect and tabulate ballots and to report the results of the balloting.
- C. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee to seek out and identify qualified candidates to be Executive Council Members. The Nominating committee shall, at the Annual Membership Meeting, present the names of at least one (1) nominee for each position being filled after having ascertained from each nominee his/her willingness to serve.
- D. Nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Membership Meeting provided that each person nominated from the floor be present and affirm his/her willingness to serve. A written statement is acceptable if this person is absent. Such written statement must be presented to the President (or acting President) at the time of the nomination.
- E. Whenever a vacancy occurs in any Executive Council position, the President shall nominate a person to fill the vacancy until the next Annual Membership Meeting. Such nomination being subject to approval by the Executive Council at a regular meeting. Should the Executive Council fail to approve any nomination, that nomination shall be withdrawn and another person(s) shall be nominated by the

President until one nominee is approved by the Executive Council. Any remaining portion of an unexpired term shall be filled by election at the next Annual Membership Meeting.

#### **ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

- A. Regular meetings shall be scheduled, insofar as possible or necessary, on a quarterly basis. Notice of regular meetings specifying time, place, and agenda items, shall be sent by President to all Executive Council.
- B. Special meetings may be called by the President, subject to reasonable notice being given to Executive Council members. A special meeting shall take up only the specified business for which the meeting is called.
- C. Commencement of any regular or special meeting shall require the presence of a quorum of at least one-half (1/2) of the Executive Council members of any actions requiring a vote.
- D. Each Executive Council member shall have one (1) vote except that the President shall vote only in case of a tie. A majority of those casting votes shall determine the decision of the Executive Council and any motion before the Executive Council.
- E. The Secretary shall record suitable minutes of each regular or special meeting and shall furnish a copy of such minutes at or before the next regular meeting to each Executive Council member. Such minutes shall be offered by the Secretary at the next regular meeting and any appropriate corrections, additions or deletions shall be made before acceptance by the Executive Council. A complete set of minutes for each meeting shall be preserved by the Secretary as part of the Club records.
- F. The order of business for regular meetings, unless a change is approved by the Executive Council for a specific meetings, shall be as follows:
  - 1. Roll call
  - 2. Minutes of previous meetings,
  - 3. Report of Treasurer
  - 4. Report of Committees
  - 5. Social reports
  - 6. Communications
  - 7. Unfinished business
  - 8. New business
  - 9. Adjournment

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