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## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I – NAME**

- 1.1 The name of this Organization shall be Western District Division One Association (WDDOA), herein referred to as the Association.

### **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

- 1.2 To promote soccer at the highest level of competition for all teams in Western District competing at the Premier League and Division 1 level. The Association shall be a nonprofit organization incorporated in the State of Texas and will be subject to the rules presented in its Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Competition.

### **ARTICLE III – AFFILIATION**

- 1.3 The Association shall be approved by the South Texas Youth Soccer Association (STYSA) and be affiliated with STYSA and its member associations and United States Youth Soccer (USYS).

### **ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS**

- 1.4.1 Membership to participate in the Association shall be open to any team in good standing with the Association and its affiliated Associations and that also meets the Association's eligibility and qualification requirements.
- 1.4.2 Each team shall adhere to the Association Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Competition.
- 1.4.3 Each team shall have one vote at any regular or special meeting as scheduled by the board.
- 1.4.4 Any player eligible under USYS rules to play soccer shall be eligible for membership. Players shall be free to register with any team regardless of the location of his or her place of residence. Teams shall register their players directly with the Association Registrar.
- 1.4.5 Players shall be nonvoting members of the Association.
- 1.4.6 **GOOD STANDING:** Any team that: (1) is delinquent in the payment of any fees, fines or registration fees to the Association; or (2) fails or refused to comply with the authority of the Association shall be considered to lose good standing and shall have its voting rights suspended until such rights are reinstated by simple majority of the Board of Commissioners. Any team not in good standing shall not be allowed to participate in any competition.
- 1.4.7 The official representative (voting member) of each member team shall be the team coach or manager or other person designated by the team to attend Association meetings and vote on the team's behalf.

### **ARTICLE V – OFFICERS**

- 1.5.1 The voting membership of the Association shall elect the Board of Directors (the Board) consisting of:
- 1.5.1.1 President
  - 1.5.1.2 Executive Vice President
  - 1.5.1.3 Vice President of Operations
  - 1.5.1.4 Secretary
  - 1.5.1.5 Treasurer
  - 1.5.1.6 Commissioner of Referees

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- 1.5.2 Duties of the Board of Directors are outlined in the Bylaws.
  - 1.5.3 Elections: The election of officers shall take place at the team representative meeting held in June/July
    - 1.5.3.1 The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee to seek qualified candidates for each Board position to be elected at the June/July meeting . The Nominating Committee shall have the duty to ascertain from each nominee that, if elected, he/she is willing to serve.
    - 1.5.3.2 The Nominating Committee shall report its nominations to the Board of Directors for approval no later than March/April. The Nominating Committee shall post on the WDDOA website the approved list of candidates no later than 30 days prior to the June/July meeting.
    - 1.5.3.3 Nominations from the floor may be made at the June/July meeting prior to the elections with the provision that the persons nominated are present at that meeting and affirm their willingness to serve if elected.
  - 1.5.4 The Term of Office shall begin immediately upon completion of the June/July meeting and shall be for two (2) years or until a duly qualified replacement is appointed. Officers will be elected in years as follows:
    - 1.5.4.1 President Elected in even numbered years
    - 1.5.4.2 Executive Vice President Elected in odd numbered years
    - 1.5.4.3 Vice President of Operations Elected in odd numbered years
    - 1.5.4.4 Secretary Elected in even numbered years
    - 1.5.4.5 Treasurer Elected in odd numbered years
    - 1.5.4.6 Commissioner of Referees Elected in even numbered years
  - 1.5.5 The President shall fill any vacancies on the Board by appointment subject to a simple majority vote of the officers who remain on the Board.

## **ARTICLE VI – FISCAL AND SEASONAL YEAR**

- 1.6.1 Fiscal Year: The Fiscal Year shall begin July 1<sup>st</sup> and end June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 1.6.2 Seasonal Year: The Seasonal Year shall be the same as the STYSA seasonal year.

## **ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS**

- 1.7.1 The members of the Association constitute the Governing Board. The Governing Board shall meet at a minimum of two times per year to discuss the following:
  - 1.7.1.1 June or July - to review Fall play, revise constitution/bylaws or make changes to Rules of Play and hold elections.
  - 1.7.1.2 January or February - to review Fall championships and/or sub-region play, review Spring competitions, revise constitution/bylaws
- 1.7.2 Special meetings may be called by the President at least ten (10) days prior to such special meeting; or by ten (10) voting members by properly submitting the request for a special meeting to the President and Executive Vice President by email at least fifteen (15) days prior to such special meeting.
- 1.7.3 Official representatives of teams in good standing must be present at the meeting to vote. Each team must attend, without proxy, the January/February and June/July meetings.
- 1.7.4 A majority vote of a quorum of the voting members shall decide all matters except for amendments to the Constitution and/or Bylaws

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- 1.7.5 Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order, latest edition.

### **ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS**

- 1.8 Amendments to the Constitution and/or Bylaws can only be made at the January/February or June/July meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the eligible membership in attendance at the meeting. The official representative of each member team shall be given at least thirty (30) days written notice of the proposed amendment(s). Votes must be cast in person at the meeting.

### **ARTICLE IX – DISSOLUTION**

- 1.9 In the event that the Association shall be dissolved or cease to function, the Board shall make provisions to pay all Association Liabilities and any balance remaining after payment of all known Association Liabilities be disbursed to such organizations established exclusively for charitable youth activities.