

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE OHIO VALLEY SOCCER LEAGUE

Article I Name

The name of this organization will be the Ohio Valley Soccer League, hereinafter referred to as the “League”.

Article II Purpose

The purpose of the League is to:

- 1. Encourage the development of leagues, clubs, associations, organizations, and programs so that soccer is made available to the youth in all levels of competition in the mid-Ohio valley.**
- 2. Encourage the development and practice of good sportsmanship.**
- 3. Develop the principles of fair play.**
- 4. Build good character.**
- 5. Promote the growth of soccer in the mid-Ohio valley.**
- 6. Instruct, train, and educate players, coaches, and referees to develop and improve their capabilities.**

Article III Affiliation

The League shall be affiliated with the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (OSYSA) or other similar association as the membership shall determine.

- 1. The League shall retain its own autonomy, but will adhere to the Constitution and Rules of the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association, Inc. in all matters relating to interstate, intrastate, regional, national, and international competition or in other competition sponsored or approved by OSYSA and the United States Soccer Association, Inc.**

Article IV

Non-Profit Status

The League shall be a non-profit and educational organization and shall pursue registration with the state of Ohio as a not for profit corporation.

Article V

Powers

- 1. In furtherance of the objectives described above, the League will have the power, insofar as not limited by law, to make and perform contracts for any lawful purpose, to engage in various funding and fund-raising activities and to acquire, own, hold, operate and maintain property to effectuate its purposes.**
- 2. In no event shall the income or property of the Ohio Valley Soccer League (OVSL) inure to the benefit of any private individual, officer, or member of the Board of Trustees.**

Article VI

Board of Trustees

- 1. The Board of Trustees, hereinafter “Board”, will be responsible for the management of the League and shall be comprised of 11 elected members.**
- 2. “Board” members shall serve an unlimited term, barring resignation or dismissal for cause (see article IX).**
- 3. The “Board” shall be responsible for appointment of new Trustees and the election of officers from within the “Board”.**
- 4. New “Board” members may be nominated at any time to fill vacancies. A nominee must receive a majority vote of the full “Board” then serving to be confirmed.**
- 5. The “Board” shall annually elect officers in May for the term June through May.**
- 6. Nomination of officers shall occur one month before the annual election. Nomination of officers will be made the Board of Trustees.**
- 7. Officers may be nominated and re-elected for multiple terms.**

8. Elected officers shall receive a majority vote of the “Board”. If a majority is not obtained, additional balloting shall be conducted until a majority is attained.
9. The confirmation of new “Board” members and Officers shall be via paper ballot, with the President conducting the ballot process.

Article VII Dues

Dues for memberships may be in such amount as set by the Board of Trustees from time to time. Dues may be waived by majority vote of the Board of Trustees for situations deemed to be financial hardships.

Article VIII Committees

The Board of Trustees may authorize the creation of standing committees or other special committees at any time.

Article IX Officers

1. Officers of the League shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar.
2. Officers shall be elected from the members of the Board of Trustees at its May meeting and shall serve a one-year term. Officers may be re-elected to successive terms.
3. “Board” members, including Officers, may be dismissed for due cause by a majority vote of the “Board”. Repeated absences (3 in a row) at regularly scheduled “Board” meetings, failure to perform duties of office, or conduct deemed unacceptable by the “Board” may be considered grounds for dismissal.

Article X

Duties of Officers

- 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the League and of the Board of Trustees; shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed in these By-Laws or assigned to him or her by the League or by the Board of Trustees; and shall coordinate the work of officers and committees of the League in order that the objectives may be promoted.**
- 2. The Vice-President shall act as aide to the President and shall perform the duties of the President in his or her absence or disability.**
- 3. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the League or Board of Trustees and shall perform other duties that may be delegated to him or her.**
- 4. The Treasurer shall have custody of all of the funds of the League; shall keep a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures; and shall make disbursements in accordance with the approved budget, as authorized by the Board of Trustees. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement at every “Board” meeting when requested by the “Board”.**
- 5. The Registrar shall be responsible for coordinating the Registration process for each recreational soccer season. The Registrar shall also be responsible for assisting coaches with the procurement of player and coach passes for traveling teams affiliated with OVSL.**

Article XI

Bank Accounts

All account(s) are to be opened in the name of OVSL. All funds received must be deposited in the checking account(s). All withdrawals for these accounts are to be by check. Savings accounts, savings certificates, or other interest bearing instruments must be authorized by the Board of Trustees and held in the name of OVSL. All withdrawals from these accounts must be deposited in the checking account(s) when the account is closed. The OVSL address is to be on all accounts. The funds of OVSL shall only be deposited and maintained in federally insured financial (FDIC) accounts.

Article XII

Meetings

- 1. The “Board” shall hold a meeting in April for the purpose of nominating officers for the next year.**
- 2. The “Board” shall hold a meeting in May for the purpose of electing officers for the next year.**
- 3. The President shall call meetings at times convenient to most “Board” members. Meetings shall generally be held monthly, but there will be no requirement to hold monthly meetings.**

Article XIII

Order of Business

At all meetings the order of business shall be:

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**
- 3. President’s report**
- 4. Financial Report of Treasurer**
- 5. Reports of Committees**
- 6. Old Business**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Where applicable, Election of Officers/Board Members**
- 9. Adjournment**

Article XIV

Quorum

A quorum of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a majority of the then serving “Board”. This will normally be 8 when the 15-person “Board” is filled, but may be less if the “Board” is temporarily reduced in numbers due to resignations or dismissals.

Article XV Amendments

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the entire Board. The substance of the proposed amendment and a record of the vote shall be recorded by the Secretary and kept on file.

Article XVI Parliamentary Procedure

- 1. Robert's Rules of Order, revised edition, shall be followed by the League in all cases involving parliamentary procedure when it does not conflict with the Constitution of the League.**
- 2. The Rules may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the given session.**