

# By-Laws



**Soccer Club of Newington**

# Bylaws of the Soccer Club of Newington Inc.

## **Article I: Name**

The name of the organization is the Soccer Club of Newington Inc., hereafter referred to as the club.

## **Article II: Principle Office**

The principle office for the transaction of business of the corporation is to be located in Newington, CT.

## **Article III: Objective**

The primary objective of the organization shall be to provide quality recreational and competitive soccer programs for Newington residents under the age of 23.

## **Article IV: Recreational Programs**

A. The club will provide various programs for those soccer players who seek recreational soccer experiences.

B. The opportunities will, by necessity, be predicated on the number of youths seeking recreational play.

C. The club may sponsor in-house play, which is intended to be an in-town recreational soccer program.

D. The club may also enter teams in a league comprised of recreational teams from surrounding towns.

E. Other recreational programs may be substituted for any of the above, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

F. The philosophy of the club is as follows:

1. To provide the children of Newington the opportunity to play soccer and have fun
2. To promote the sport of Soccer.
3. To develop a positive self-image.
4. To develop a sense of pride toward the community.
5. To develop respect for others.
6. To practice good sportsmanship.
7. To develop good training, skills, and health habits.

## **Article V: Competitive Programs**

A. The club will provide various opportunities for those soccer players who seek competitive experiences and are qualified, both by ability and desire, to compete in a competitive soccer league.

B. Players will be selected for competitive teams based on an open tryout. Tryouts will be conducted under the direction of the Boy's and Girl's Travel Directors.

C. The club may sponsor a club team and / or a premier team, but premier teams can be sponsored-based on guidelines set and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

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6. To practice good sportsmanship.
7. To develop good training, skills and health habits.

#### **Article VI: Coaches**

A. The recreational teams will be run by a coach, appointed by the board of Directors. Each coach may appoint two assistant coaches, who must be approved by the Boy's or Girl's In-House Directors and must be registered at the beginning of the season.

B. The recreational coaches should have a general knowledge of the game, or be willing to attend clinics to gain said knowledge. Above all, coaches must be chosen for their ability to work well with young players.

C. The primary objective of each recreational coach is to assist both the club and the soccer players to achieve the objectives found in Article IV, Section F.

D. The competitive teams will be run by a coach appointed by the Board of Directors. Each coach may appoint two assistant coaches, who must be approved by the Boy's or Girl's Travel Directors.

E. Competitive coaches will be selected based on knowledge of the game and on their ability to effectively deal with young players. It is expected that all coaches be licensed as soon as reasonably possible.

F. The primary objective of each competitive coach is to assist both the club and the soccer players to achieve the objectives listed in Article V, Section D.

#### **Article VII: Annual Coaches Meeting**

A. There will be an annual coaches meeting held in November. The primary purpose of the meeting will be to elect the new Board of Directors: President, Vice President, Registrar, Treasurer, Boys Travel Director, Girls Travel Director, Boys Recreational Director, Girls Recreational Director, Equipment Manager, Publicity Chairman, Club Representative, and Referee Coordinator.

B. Three CJSA registered coaches/managers per team, travel and recreational, will be allowed to vote for the new board of directors. However, only travel coaches / managers will be allowed to vote for the Girls and Boys Travel Directors, and only the recreational coaches / managers will be allowed to vote for the Girl's and Boy's Recreational Directors. All other positions will be voted on by all coaches / managers.

C. Only coaches and managers present at the annual coaches meeting can vote.

### **Article VIII: Board of Directors**

- A. The affairs of the club will be managed by its Board of Directors. Each director's term will begin on the date of the annual meeting and will not end until the next annual meeting of the Board of Directors, or upon formal acceptance of resignation by the Board at any meeting where a quorum is present.
- B. Any director may be removed, for good cause, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors in an executive session.
- C. No Director may receive remuneration in any form as compensation for serving on the Board.
- D. The officers of the Board shall be:
1. President
  2. Vice President
  3. Registrar
  4. Treasurer
  5. Immediate Past President
- E. The officers shall serve as the Executive Board, which will conduct the day-to-day business of the club.
- F. The term for each Board of Director will begin coincident with election and expire at the earlier to occur of resignation or immediately prior to the election of a new board at the annual coaches meeting.

### **Article IX: Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors**

- A. There will be an annual meeting of the Board of Directors in January.
- B. Financial statements will be given to each director at the annual meeting which will not only state current assets, liabilities, and capital, but also will justify the fees charged to participants. Directors will also be given copies of current bank statements at the annual meeting of the Board.
- C. Reports of the affairs of the club, and such other business that may properly come before the Board, shall also be transacted at the annual meeting of the Board.
- D. The agenda for the annual meeting will be:
1. Call to Order
  2. Recognition of new members
  3. Registrar's Report
  4. Treasurer's Report
  5. Old Business
  6. New Business

## **Article X: Other Meetings**

A. The Board of Directors will meet each month on a day agreed to by the majority of the members present.

1. If there is no business of the organization to be conducted, the President may waive this requirement.

2. The President may not exercise said right two months in a row.

B. A special meeting may be called by the President, or by a call of one half (1/2) of the Board of Directors, with a written notice of the call, including time and place of the meeting, as well as an agenda given, to the Board of Directors, seven days prior to the meeting.

## **Article XI: Miscellaneous**

A. The club shall maintain adequate books and records, and the same, together with a copy of current bank statements, and a copy of these Bylaws, shall be available for inspection by any Director.

B. Vacancies on the Board of Directors, as well as on the Executive Board, will be filled by individuals receiving a majority vote of the members present at any regularly scheduled meeting, or any special meeting as defined in Article X, Section B.

## **Article XII: Meeting Rules**

The rules, contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised, will govern the organization in all cases in which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of the corporation.

## **Article XIII: Quorum**

A quorum will consist of greater than one half (1/2) of the members of the Board of Directors

## **Article XIV: Fees**

The Board of Directors will establish and collect fees from program participants to properly run the soccer programs.

## **Article XV: Voting**

Each member of the Board of Directors, regardless of position held, may vote on any matter before the Board.

## **Article XVI: Special Situations**

A. The position of Immediate Past President can only be filled by a President of the corporation who has completed at least one full term in office.

B. If a President retires from office and chooses not to fill the position of Immediate Past President, the previous Immediate Past President may continue, to fill that position.

C. If a President resigns, the Vice President becomes the President and a special meeting will be held to appoint a new Vice President. Both will serve the remaining terms left until the next annual elections are held. If the Vice President declines, a special election may be held.

**Article XVII: Amendments.**

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the whole Board of Directors.

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