

**Constitution of
Hancock Soccer Association
Findlay, Ohio – U.S.A.**

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HANCOCK SOCCER ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Hancock Soccer Association (HSA). The organization has two operating divisions, Recreational and Competitive.

ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to develop, promote, and administer the game of soccer in the Hancock District and its surrounding areas. HSA achieves its purpose by:

- Encouraging the development of both the recreational and competitive divisions and ensuring that soccer is made available to all.
- Encouraging the development and practice of good sportsmanship.
- Developing the principles of fair play and building good character.
- Promoting the growth of soccer.
- Instructing, training and educating players, coaches, referees, managers, administrators, league and club officers to develop and improve their abilities for the benefit of the youth of this area.

ARTICLE 3 - JURISDICTION AND TERRITORY

This organization shall have jurisdiction over all members, teams, players, parents and coaches who are participating under Hancock Soccer Association.

The territory of this organization shall be the Hancock County and its surrounding areas.

ARTICLE 4 - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in HSA shall consist of all members of properly registered teams with payment of fees approved by the Board of Directors for both competitive and recreational 'divisions.' Competitive division teams are still responsible for registering and payment of fees to the NWOYSL or any other competitive league or association. Members are allowed to vote for HSA Board and director positions.

ARTICLE 5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of HSA shall consist of the following:

- President
- Vice President Competitive
- Vice President Recreational
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Recreational Director A
- Recreational Director B
- Recreational Director C
- Boys Competitive Director
- Girls Competitive Director
- HSA Recreational Coaching Director

The Past President is a member of the Board of Directors, who may attend, but is a non-voting, ex officio member.

The following support personnel are non-voting members of the Board of Directors: HSA Recreational Registrar, Referee Assignor, HSA Scheduler, and HSA Facilities Director.

The Board of Directors will be the member club of Ohio Youth Soccer Association North (OYSAN) and through OYSAN will be a member of the US Youth Soccer Association and the United States Soccer Federation.

The Board of Directors will approve and sign legal documents, will be responsible for all monies collected and disbursed, and will be or will appoint the representatives to other organizations.

ARTICLE 6 - THE DIVISIONS

Two divisions operate the soccer programs and play in each area. Following review and approval by the Board of Directors of the budget for each division, the divisions will expend funds as they see fit Board of Directors, who maintain the authority to pay all bills, and they incur all expenses.

Each Division can operate independently to each other, but each must report to the Board of Directors one time per month, in person or in writing.

The Recreational Division will be chaired by the Vice President Recreational. Three recreational directors will be elected by voting members to the recreational leadership committee to assist the Vice President Recreational in running the division. In case there are unfilled slots, the Vice President Recreational will appoint candidates for final approval to the Board of Directors. The directors will then, appoint a Recreational Coaching Director, who, after final appointment by the Board of Directors, will also have full voting powers. Additional directors may be appointed to assist in running the division; however, they will be non-voting members and will not have powers to make rule changes or assign discipline. The HSA President and the Facilities Director are both ex-officio, non-voting members of the Recreational Division. The non-voting members may make and second motions and participate in discussion, but may not vote. Recreational leadership will be charged with taking the minutes of the meetings of the Recreational Division, and submitting them within three weeks to the Board of Directors.

The Competitive Division will be chaired by the Vice President Competitive. Elected to the Competitive Division, by the voting members, will be the Boys Competitive Director and the Girls Competitive Director. In case there are unfilled slots, the Vice President Competitive will appoint candidates for final approval to the Board of Directors. These three persons will appoint Competitive Coaching Director(s), who, upon final appointment by the Board of Directors, will not be members of the Board of Directors. The HSA President and the Facilities Director are both ex-officio, non-voting members of the Competitive Division. The non-voting members may make and second motions and participate in discussion, but may not vote. The Boys Competitive Director will take minutes in the even months, with the Girls Competitive Director taking minutes in the odd months. The minutes of the meetings of the Competitive Division will be submitted within three weeks to the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may create additional Ad Hoc Offices, as the need may arise, to direct efforts deemed vital to specific HSA goals. Ad Hoc Offices thus created shall be non-voting, ex officio positions on the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 7 - GOVERNMENT

HSA shall be governed by the Board of Directors. The Board shall be responsible for the operation of HSA and elected into office by a majority vote of HSA members.

The term of office of any and all elected positions is two years, The maximum consecutive term held in any one position by an elected Member is two terms. In the event of an elected position opening, the remaining members of the body to which they were elected shall appoint a replacement.

The following are elected in even numbered years: President, Secretary, Recreational Director A, Recreational Director C, and Competitive Boys Director. The following are elected in odd numbered years: Vice President Competitive, Vice President Recreational, Treasurer, Recreational Director B, and Competitive Girls Director. The Facilities Director will be appointed by the Board of Directors each year. With recommendations from each Division, the Coaching Directors from each Division will be appointed by the Board of Directors each year.

HSA Board Meetings are to be held at the Findlay Anchor Community Center unless notified otherwise.

ARTICLE 8 - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership at an Annual General Meeting, or any meeting called for that purpose in which 15 days notice shall be given to all members. Posting the information on the web site or in the Findlay Courier newspaper constitutes notification, if given 15 days before a special meeting.

ARTICLE 9 – TRANSITION PLAN

This amended Constitution and By-Laws becomes effective January 1, 2007. The Current members of the Board of Directors will maintain their position at the transition. The amended Constitution and Bylaws will be used for filling any open positions on the Board of Directors.

Approved by the HSA Membership and Board of Directors
This Saturday the Eighteenth day of November 2006