

BYLAWS OF MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN SOCCER LEAGUE

ARTICLE I - NAME, PURPOSE

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be Michigan Christian Soccer League (M.C.S.L.).

Section 2: The Michigan Christian Soccer League is organized exclusively for religious and educational purposes, more specifically to promote Christian-based soccer for children under the ages of twelve years old.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership shall consist only of the members of the board of directors.

ARTICLE III - ANNUAL MEETING

Section 1: Annual Meeting. The date of the regular annual meeting shall be set by the Board of Directors who shall also set the time and place.

Section 2: Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the Chair.

Section 3: Notice. Notice of each meeting shall be given to each voting member, by mail, not less than ten days before the meeting.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Board Role, Size, Compensation. The Board is responsible for overall policy and direction of the Council, and delegates are responsible for day-to-day operations to the Council Director and committees. The Board shall have up to ten and not fewer than four members. The board receives no compensation.

Section 2: Meetings. The Board shall meet at least once per year at an agreed upon time and place.

Section 3: Board Elections. Election of new directors or election of current directors to a second term will occur as the first item of business at the annual meeting of the League. Directors will be elected by a majority vote of the current directors.

Section 4: Terms. All Board members shall serve two year terms, but are eligible for re-election.

Section 5: Quorum. A quorum must be attended by at least 75% percent of the Board members before business can be transacted or motions made or passed.

Section 6: Notice. An official Board meeting requires that each Board member have written notice two weeks in advance.

Section 7: Officers and Duties. There shall be at minimum four officers of the Board consisting of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Their duties are as follows:

The Chair shall convene regularly scheduled Board meetings, shall preside or arrange for other members of the executive committee to preside at each meeting in the following order: Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Vice-Chair will chair committees on special subjects as designated by the board.

The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping records of Board actions, including overseeing the taking of minutes at all board meetings, sending out meeting announcements, distributing copies of minutes and the agenda to each Board members, and assuring that League records are maintained.

The Treasurer shall make a report at each Board meeting. Treasurer shall chair the finance committee, assist in the preparation of the budget and make financial information available to Board members and the public.

Section 8: At-large Voting Members. When an affiliated Club provides two or more soccer teams to the League for more than three seasons in a row, they will be given an automatic single "at large" membership to the Board with full voting privileges. That member will be nominated in any manner determined by the invited Club but must be confirmed via regular voting of the Board for its membership positions. After one season, the member may further serve in any of the official officer capacities of the Board. If the Club fails to continue to provide the minimum two team invitation requirement, the Club member at-large membership may be revoked with a two-thirds vote of the remaining directors.

Section 9: Vacancies. When a vacancy on the Board exists, nominations for new members may be received from present Board members by the Secretary two weeks in advance of a Board meeting. These nominations shall be sent out to Board members with the regular Board meeting announcement, to be voted upon at the next Board meeting. These vacancies will be filled only to the end of the particular Board member's term.

Section 10: Resignation, Termination and Absences. Resignation from the Board must be in writing and received by the Secretary. A Board member shall be dropped for excess absences from the Board if s/he has three unexcused absences from Board meetings in a year. A Board member may be removed for other reasons by a three-fourths vote of the remaining directors.

Section 11: Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board shall be called upon the request of the Chair or one-third of the Board. Notices of special meetings shall be sent out by the Secretary to each Board member postmarked one week in advance.

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

Section 1: The Board may create committees as needed, such as referees, scheduling, soccer rules, website management, disciplinary, etc. The Board Chair appoints all committee chairs.

Section 2: The four officers serve as the members of the Executive Committee. Except for the power to amend the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, the Executive Committee shall have all of the powers and authority of the Board of Directors in the intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors, subject to the direction and control of the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Finance Committee. The Treasurer is chair of the Finance Committee, which includes three other Board members. The Finance Committee is responsible for developing and reviewing fiscal procedures and annual budget with staff and other Board members. The Board must approve the budget, and all expenditures must be within the budget. Any major change in the budget must be approved by the Board or the Executive Committee. The fiscal year shall start at the 16th of July and continue through to July 15th of the following year. Annual reports are required to be submitted to the Board showing income, expenditures and pending income. The financial records of the organization are public information and shall be made available to the membership, Board members and the public.

Section 4: Disciplinary Committee. The Chair is responsible for finding three volunteer Pastors/Ministers to perform in the role of the three person disciplinary committee. There will be no compensation for these positions and the members must come from different Churches and not be on the existing Board in any capacity. The terms will be concurrent with the serving of the Chairs term of office. The Chair must make the names of his/her selections known to the Board as a whole during a regularly scheduled meeting recorded by the Secretary. Any vacancies shall be handled by the Chair at their discretion during the course of his/her term provided replacements are found in a suitable time frame.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

Section 1: These Bylaws may be amended when necessary by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Secretary to be sent out with regular Board announcements.

These Bylaws were approved at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Michigan Christian Soccer League on July 26, 2010.