



Constitution

TAMPA AREA RECREATIONAL SCHEDULING ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be know as the Tampa Area Recreational Scheduling Association (TARSA), which was instituted on July 1, 2000.

ARTICLE II - FOUNDING FATHERS

It is understood that this organization is being formed by a group of individuals, as individuals, not as representatives of their respective soccer clubs. This group of individuals : Don Helman, Paul VanSteenbergen, Jay Dee Hackney, Erni Moore, and James Hampton will be know as “Founding Fathers” of the organization, and as such have the authority authorized in the organization’s Constitution, Bylaws and Rule and Regulations.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to be a scheduling body for affiliated members of the Florida Youth Soccer Association (FYSA). The organizational purpose of the organization is to provide a scheduling association for Recreational Soccer Teams within Region C of FYSA, but the scope of the organization is not restricted to this purpose. It is not the purpose of this organization to register players to FYSA.

ARTICLE IV - COLORS

The representative colors of this organization shall be red, white and blue.

ARTICLE V - ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP and AFFILIATION

Section 1: This organization shall be an associate member of, and comply with, the authority of FYSA and through such associate membership shall be affiliated with the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) and the United States Soccer Federation, Inc (USSF)

Section 2: Each Soccer Club that wants to enter teams into TARSA, must submit a Club Affiliation Form, to become a member.

Section 3: Each Soccer Club which wants to enter teams into TARSA are required to enter all of their clubs teams within that age/gender group into TARSA.

ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The members of the Tampa Area Recreational Scheduling Association shall be defined as follows:

1. "Founding Fathers" are granted lifetime membership.
2. Affiliate Members, who have registered teams to play within TARSA.
3. Board Members to include At-Large Members
4. Age Group Coordinators

Section 2: All members must abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations, and the interpretive rulings of the Tampa Area Recreational Scheduling Association and all associations with which TARSA is affiliated or an associate member of.

ARTICLE VII - GOVERNING AUTHORITY

Section 1: Organizational Period - The Tampa Area Recreational Scheduling Association, will have an initial organizational period from July 1, 2000 to July 31, 2005. During this organizational period, the governing authority of this organization, whose powers shall be delegated in the Bylaws, shall be vested with the "Founding Fathers" of this organization.

Section 2: Prior to August 1, 2005, the "Founding Fathers" shall appoint a Board of Directors to take office on August 1, 2005.

Section 3: Subsequent Period - Starting on August 1, 2005. After the initial organizational period, the governing authority of this organization, whose powers shall be delegated in the Bylaws, shall be vested with the Board of Directors of this organization.

Section 4: The governing board, hereafter to be known as the Board of Directors, shall be composed of: The President, Vice-President for Girls, Vice-President for Boys, the Secretary/Treasurer and up to four (4) Directors appointed and titled by the four (4) Board Members listed above.

ARTICLE VIII - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Section 1: Starting in April, 2006 (after the Organizational period), the President of the organization, with concurrence of the Board of Directors, shall call for an Annual General Meeting to be held prior to May 31st of each seasonal year.

Section 2: The order of business at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be as follows:

Call to Order
Roll Call
Introduction of Guest
Credentials Report
Minutes from previous AGM
Reports
Unfinished Business
Election of Officers - in order shall be President, VP Girls, VP Boys and
Secretary/Treasurer.
Consideration of Proposed Modifications to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules
and Regulations
New Business
Good of the Game
Adjournment

Section 3: The President of the organization shall cast a vote only in the case of a tie. This effects only the one vote granted the individual as a result of being the President of the organization. If the individual qualifies to vote under another class, that vote can be used at all times.

ARTICLE IX - VOTES

After the “Organizational Period” of the organization, the number of votes at the Annual General Meeting are determined as follows:

1. Each Affiliate Member of the organization will have one vote per each team they entered into the organization that seasonal year. A Representative of the Affiliate must be present, and show Authority given by the Agent of Record for that organization. The Representative must vote the Affiliate Member’s votes as a block, no splitting of the vote total.
2. Each Member of the Board of Directors (either elected or appointed) will have one vote.
3. Each “Founding Father” will have one vote.
4. Each Age Group Coordinator (AGC), will have one vote if they do not qualify to have one vote as either a member of the Board of Directors or a Founding Father. An Age Group Coordinator receiving one vote under this Section, will have only one vote regardless of the number of age groups they represent.
5. Individuals may qualify to have votes under more than one paragraph above, and these votes will be accumulative for paragraphs 1 through 3. Accumulative votes earned in paragraphs 2 or 3, do not need to be blocked with votes cast under paragraph 1. An individual can only earn a vote under paragraph 4, if they have

not earned one in paragraphs 1 through 3.

ARTICLE X - QUORUM and VOTING

Section 1: The following quorum requirements must be met prior to the conduct of official business of the association:

Section 1(a): During the Organizational Period of the Organization any type of meeting of the Founding Fathers must include 50% of the active Founding Fathers to conduct official business, including Board of Director Meetings, and Votes to make changes to the Constitution or Bylaws.

Section 1(b): After the Organizational Period:

1. Board of Directors Meeting - 2 Elected Board Members and a total of 51% of the total of elected and appointed Board Members
2. Annual General Meeting - 50% of the total eligible number of votes authorized. This includes votes represented in the form of Proxy Votes. This includes votes on the Election of Officers, and also Amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws or Rules and Regulations.

If during the course of the meeting the quorum is lost due to a member's absence, official business must be suspended, and any type of vote or action taken without the proper quorum rendered null and void as though it was never taken. The Chair of the meeting, may choose how long the meeting will be suspended, while waiting for a quorum to be re-obtained.

Section 2: Voting shall be by one of the following four (4) methods:

1. Acclamation
2. Voice Vote
3. Show of Hands
4. Secret Ballot

The method of voting shall be determined by the meeting chair unless specified in a properly made and adopted motion.

Section 3: Upon completion of voting, the following standards apply to determination of the outcome of the vote:

1. Routine Business - Majority of votes cast
2. Election of Officers - Majority if two (2) candidates, plurality if more than two (2) candidates for a particular office.
3. Amendments to the Constitution - Seventy-Five (75 %) of the votes cast at the Annual General Meeting.
4. Amendments to the Bylaws - Two-thirds (2/3rd) of the votes cast at the Annual

General Meeting.

5. Amendments to the Rules and Regulations - A majority of the votes cast at any meeting called to vote on such changes.

6. Votes that fall outside these criteria shall be taken in accordance with the standards employed in the FYSA Bylaws and Rules and Regulations.

Section 4: At least ten (10) days notice must be given to all members for the Annual General Meeting, which also includes the election of officers and Amendments to the Constitution, or Bylaws. The notice may be given in any form deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

Section 5: Members of TARSA must submit any desired amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws, in writing to the President of the organization prior to the February 15th prior to the Annual General Meeting unless compliance with FYSA rule 4003 requires an earlier submission date. Submissions must be in a form that identifies the document, article, section to be amended. The submission must contain, the original text, the proposed new text (using an appropriate method to indicate words being changed), and the reason the amendment is being proposed. This submission if properly done, will be provided to all members at least 10 days prior to the AGM

Section 6: Voting in person - votes can only be official if the person casting the vote (either as a member or carrying an approved Proxy of an authorized member) is physically present at the time the vote is taken.

ARTICLE XI - COMPLETION OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL PERIOD

As soon after March 1, 2006 as convenient, the Board of Directors is responsible to adopt a "Housekeeping" Amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws. This Housekeeping Amendment is solely for the purpose of removing references to the "Organizational Period", and the Authorities contained in such. This is done as a matter of convenience to avoid any confusion on the understanding of the Constitution and Bylaws. The language of this Amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws will be passed with a simple majority of those present at an official Board of Directors Meeting.