

# TAMPA AREA RECREATIONAL SCHEDULING ASSOCIATION



## CONSTITUTION

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## **ARTICLE I: NAME**

This organization shall be known 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 was 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) and are known 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 recreational 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. 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 FYSA, 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 each year to become a member.

### **Section 3**

Each Soccer Club which wants to enter teams into TARSA is required to enter all of their club's teams within that age/gender group into TARSA.

## **ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1**

The members of TARSA shall be defined as follows:

- a) "Founding Fathers" are granted lifetime membership.
- b) Affiliate Members, who have registered teams to play within TARSA.
- c) Board Members, to include At-Large Members.
- d) Age Group Coordinators.

### **Section 2**

The 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**

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**

The President of the organization, with concurrence of the Board of Directors, shall call for an Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held prior to May 31st of each seasonal year.

## **Section 2**

The order of business at the AGM shall be as follows:

- a) Call to Order
- b) Roll Call
- c) Introduction of Guest
- d) Credentials Report
- e) Minutes from previous AGM
- f) Reports
- g) Unfinished Business
- h) Election of Officers – in order as needed shall be President, VP Girls, VP Boys and Secretary/Treasurer.
- i) Consideration of Proposed Modifications to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations
- j) New Business
- k) Good of the Game
- l) 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**

The number of votes at the AGM are determined as follows:

- a) 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.
- b) Each member of the Board of Directors (either elected or appointed) will have one vote.
- c) Each "Founding Father" will have one vote.
- d) 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.
- e) Individuals may qualify to have votes under more than one paragraph above, and these votes will be accumulative for paragraphs "a" through "c". Accumulative votes earned in paragraphs "b" or "c" do not need to be blocked with votes cast under paragraph "a". An individual can only earn a vote under paragraph "d" if they have not earned one in paragraphs "a" through "c".

## **ARTICLE X: QUORUM AND VOTING**

### **Section 1**

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

- a) Board of Directors Meeting – Elected Board Members and a total of 51% of the total of elected and appointed Board Members.
- b) 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 methods:

- a) Acclamation
- b) Voice Vote
- c) Show of Hands

d) 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:

- a) Routine Business – Majority of votes cast
- b) Election of Officers – Majority if two (2) candidates, plurality if more than two (2) candidates for a particular office.
- c) Amendments to the Constitution – Seventy-Five (75 %) of the votes cast at the AGM.
- d) Amendments to the Bylaws – Two-thirds (2/3rd) of the votes cast at the AGM.
- e) Amendments to the Rules and Regulations – A majority of the votes cast at any meeting called to vote on such changes.
- f) 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 AGM, 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 AGM 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 made as determined by the Board of Directors, will be provided to all members at least 10 (ten) 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.