

## **Tantasqua Regional Youth Soccer, Ltd.**

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### **Constitution**

#### **Article I Name**

This Organization shall be called Tantasqua Regional Youth Soccer, Ltd. (T.R.Y. Soccer). T.R.Y. Soccer is affiliated with the United States Youth Soccer Association (U.S.Y.S.A.); the United States Soccer Federation (U.S.S.F.); the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association (M.Y.S.A.); Midland Area Youth Soccer (M.A.Y.S.); and the Federation International De Football Association (F.I.F.A.).

#### **Article II Objectives and Philosophy**

The objective of the Organization shall be to provide recreational and instructive soccer, and instill in the youth of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty and physical fitness.

The objective shall be achieved by providing instruction, safe equipment, adequate field facilities and organized athletic games. All members of the Organization shall bear in mind that team play, the development of soccer skills and the molding of future men and women are of equal importance.

#### **Article III Membership**

Membership shall be open to any and all players, parents, coaches and referees within the Tantasqua Regional School District (Brimfield, Brookfield, Holland, Sturbridge and Wales).

Membership shall become effective upon registration and shall continue until the passing of the next registration period, approximately one (1) year. No single individual may represent more than one (1) member.

#### **Article IV Suspension and Expulsion**

Any individual member may be suspended or expelled by a resolution passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors. The member involved shall be given reasonable notice of the intended action and may make a statement in person or in writing, to the B.O.D. before the resolution is put to a vote.

Any individual member may also be suspended or expelled as an outcome of a referee assault or abuse hearing. Any non-member may be suspended or expelled as an outcome of a referee assault or abuse hearing.

Note: This section is exclusive of the By-laws on conduct, ejection and suspension.

## **Article V Voting**

At all General meetings, each qualified member shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Majority vote shall be noted and shall be taken into consideration for all resolutions, changes to the Constitution, By-laws or playing rules at the next Board of Directors meeting.

Each member of the Board of Directors shall have one (1) vote. A member of the Board of Directors shall not vote as a representative of more than one (1) board position.

## **Article VI Government**

The governing body of T.R.Y. Soccer shall be the Board of Directors and shall consist of the following officers:

Commissioner  
League Director  
Head Referee  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Travel Registrars (2)  
Town Coordinators (5)

The Commissioner, League Director, Head Referee, Secretary, Treasurer and Travel Registrars shall be elected at the A.G.M. They are elected for a one (1) year term and are eligible for reelection.

The Town Coordinators shall be appointed by their respective town governments.

The individual duties and responsibilities of each member of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

**The Commissioner:** shall preside at all organizational meetings; shall see that all rules, policies and principles of the Organization are understood and observed; shall serve as head of the Organization, Chairman of the Board of Directors and confer with organization officers and others to whom responsibilities have been delegated; shall, in the unavailability of the Treasurer, have authority to sign checks. At the meeting calling for the general election of officers shall present a report of the Organization's activities during their time in office.

**The League Director:** shall preside in the absence of the Commissioner; shall work with other officers and committee members and also serve as a member of the Board of Directors; shall carry out such other duties and assignments as may be delegated by the Commissioner.

**The Head Referee:** shall be responsible for training and assigning referees, settling all disputes related to the "Laws of the Game", and shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

**The Secretary:** shall record the minutes of the meetings and shall keep all records and correspondence of the Organization; shall carry out other duties and assignments as may be delegated by the Commissioner; shall be a member of the Board of Directors.

**Article VI Government** (continued)

**The Treasurer:** shall be responsible for the Organization's finances, signing checks, dispensing Organization funds, as provided by the Board of Directors, and keeping proper books of account; shall be responsible for invoicing each member town for player fees; shall provide a Treasurer's report at each regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors and general membership meetings; shall be a member of the Board of Directors.

**The Travel Registrars:** shall be responsible for verifying all travel player registration information; shall register travel teams in a timely manner; shall ensure that registration requirements are fulfilled prior to players and teams participating in travel league games; shall collect and dispense all associated travel player/team fees; shall be a member of the Board of Directors.

**The Town Coordinators:** shall be responsible for the registration of recreational players, formation of recreational team rosters, obtaining Head Coaches and Referees from their respective towns; shall act as liaison between the Organization and their respective Town Government; shall be a member of the Board of Directors.

**Article VII Powers, Functions and Actions**

The business of the Organization shall be managed by a Board of Directors who shall exercise all powers of the Corporation, except as otherwise provided by Law, the Articles of Organization, the Constitution or By-laws.

**Article VIII Annual General Meeting**

There shall be at least one (1) meeting of the general members each year and shall be known as "The Annual General Meeting or A.G.M." The Annual General Meeting, for the purpose of electing officers, shall be held prior to December 31 in each year. The Annual General Meeting shall also be used for the purpose of reporting the Organization's financial status and eliciting comments and suggestions from those in attendance. Notice of such meeting and of such elections shall be sent at least ten (10) days prior to said meeting. Newly elected officers shall take office on January 1.

Nominations of officers will be accepted from the floor at the election meeting from any member. The officers shall be elected individually and by a majority of the voting membership present at the Annual General Meeting.

**Article IX Vacancies**

Any officer vacancy may be filled by the Board of Directors until the time of the next A.G.M., at which time the position shall be filled by election of an officer.

### **Article X Recall and Reprimand**

An officer can be recalled for reasonable cause by due process and a 2/3 vote of the corporate membership at an A.G.M. or Special Corporate Meeting. A petition for the recall signed by a majority of the voting delegates must be presented to the Secretary who shall then call a Corporate Meeting to deal with the recall matter.

An officer can be reprimanded for reasonable cause including, but not limited to non-performance of duties and/or conduct improper or inappropriate to their position. A reprimand can be given after due process and a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors at a regular or special Board of Directors meeting. A petition for reprimand must be signed by at least four voting members of the Board of Directors. The results of any reprimand hearing will be communicated to the corporate membership. In the event that the officer in reprimand does not comply with the results of the hearing, they shall be suspended from their duties and their position shall be considered vacant.

### **Article XI Board of Directors Meetings**

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held no less than three (3) times during the year, dates and times to be established by the Commissioner.

The Board of Directors may hold Special Board of Directors meetings as they deem necessary. Special meetings may be called by the Secretary whenever requested by the Commissioner, by three (3) or more Directors, or as required by the Constitution. Such meetings shall be held within fourteen (14) days of such request.

Passage of all resolutions, requested changes to the Constitution or By-laws shall be by majority vote of the Board of Directors present at the meeting.

Five (5) individuals who are directors constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors may take action on any matters not covered by the Constitution and By-laws without a meeting, if, a written consent thereto is signed by all Directors entitled to vote and filed with the records of the Board of Directors meetings. Such consent shall be treated for all purposes as a vote at a meeting.

### **Article XII Special Corporate Meeting**

A Special Corporate Meeting may be held in the absence of the Annual General Meeting for the purpose of transacting business required at the Annual General Meeting or for any other purpose.

Special Corporate Meetings may be called at any time by the Commissioner or by three (3) or more Directors.

## **Article XII Financial**

T.R.Y. Soccer is a not for profit Corporation. T.R.Y. Soccer shall conduct its business affairs so as to maintain its' tax exempt status under the Internal Revenue Service Code 501(c)(3).

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Any member of the Board of Directors may recommend future expenditures at the Annual General Meeting, to be approved by a majority of the membership present at the Annual General Meeting. Final expenditure approval is the responsibility of the Board of Directors and the approval vote must be conducted at the next scheduled Board of Directors' meeting.

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for setting the travel team registration fee and the Town recreational player fee.

The individual Town registration fees are the responsibility of the Town Coordinators and NOT the Organization's.

Checking accounts in the name of "T.R.Y. Soccer League, Ltd.", for the recreational league and "T.R.Y. Soccer", for the travel club; shall be maintained by the Treasurer. All income and expenses shall be reflected in the checkbook ledgers and when possible accounting spreadsheets.

The Commissioner will be responsible for supplying the Treasurer with the number of registered recreational players to be invoiced per Town.

The Treasurer will be responsible for sending each Town Coordinator an invoice with the amount due for their number of registered recreational players. The invoice will be sent by October 1.

Town Coordinators are responsible for the payment of the invoice in a timely manner.

## **Article XIII By-laws and Playing Rules**

The Board of Directors may from time to time approve and publish By-laws and playing rules, which providing they do not contravene the Constitution, shall be binding upon all T.R.Y. Soccer members until voted upon at the next Annual General Meeting. The By-laws should represent the wishes of the General Membership. Therefore, any new By-laws or changes to existing ones shall be submitted in writing (or by email) to the Secretary, three (3) weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting. The proposal shall be discussed and voted upon at the next Annual General Meeting. A majority vote by the membership will move the proposal to the next Board of Directors meeting for discussion and vote.

**Article XIV Disposition of Assets**

In the event of the dissolution of the Corporation, all assets available after settlement of all liabilities shall be turned over to a non-profit organization or charities as determined by the Board of Directors at the time of dissolution. Such disposition shall be in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws and Internal Revenue Service Code 501(c)(3).

**Article XV Amendments to the Constitution**

No variation of the Constitution by addition, omission or amendment shall be adopted without an approval of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the membership present at the Annual General Meeting and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors present at the next Board of Directors meeting.