

BY-LAWS OF THE GREAT LAKES SOCCER LEAGUE

ARTICLE 1 MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 A club that qualifies for membership under Article IV of the Constitution shall be eligible for membership in GLSL upon consideration of dues as defined in Article II of the by-laws.
- Section 2 A Club desiring membership in the GLSL shall communicate said desire to the Executive Committee in writing. The Executive Committee shall determine the eligibility of the applicant for membership.
- Section 3 All request for membership and participation in the GLSL shall be received by the Executive Committee no later than sixty (60) days prior to current season.
- Section 4 Club affiliation is established with the GLSL upon approval of the GLSL Executive Committee. However, any organization requesting membership in the GLSL must present a copy of their Club by-laws and have at least five (5) teams to be placed in the schedule.

ARTICLE 2 DUES AND FEES

- Section 1 The annual dues for membership in the GLSL shall be twenty dollars (\$20) for members, forty dollars (\$40) for non-members.
- Section 2 The dues shall be payable annually on or before September 1st; the fiscal year beginning July 1st. to June 30th.
- Section 3 There shall be additional fees to be paid for participation in the GLSL. The amount shall be determined by the Board of Directors and shall be paid no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the start of each season.
- Section 4 Any Club that has not paid all fees by the start of the current season, shall be assessed an additional twenty-five dollar (\$25) fine. If said fees have not been paid fourteen (14) days after the start of the current season, all remaining games shall be forfeit until said fees are paid in full. The Board of Directors may authorize exceptions to this section.
- Section 5 The Executive Committee shall have authorization to spend two hundred dollars (\$200) without approval of the Board of Directors for expenses not provided for in the budget.

ARTICLE 3 GOVERNMENT-BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1 The government of the GLSL shall be vested in the Board of Directors.
- Section 2 The Board of Directors shall consist of one (1) director from each member club and the elected Executive Committee Officers.

- Section 3 The directors shall be appointed by their respective member Clubs and may be replaced and/or substituted by submission of written notice by a Club to the Executive Committee.
- Section 4 The Board of Directors shall have the power to initiate and implement policies for the coordination and operation of the GLSL.
- Section 5 Each Director shall have one (1) vote. Additional votes for each member Club's teams registered with and participating in the GLSL are as listed:
 11-20 teams registered =(+1)=2 votes
 21-30 teams registered =(+2)=3 votes
 31-40 teams registered =(+3)=4 votes
 41-50 teams registered =(+4)=5 votes
- (No additional voting credits are given after a maximum of five (5) votes). A team may play only one season (fall or spring) to be considered registered for purposes of the count.
- The chairperson of the meeting shall vote only in the event of a tie

ARTICLE 4 GOVERNMENT-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Section 1 The officers shall be known as the Executive Committee and shall consist of: one (1) President, one (1) Vice President, one (1) Secretary, one (1) Treasurer, and one (1) Head Referee.
- Section 2. If a Director is elected to the Executive Committee, the sponsoring club may appoint another Director.
- Section 3. The Executive Committee shall have the power to resolve conflict(s) regarding interpretation of the GLSL Constitution, by-laws, policies, and other issues not otherwise stated.
- Section 4. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice-president shall serve the unexpired term of the President. The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill all other vacancies.
- Section 5. The Executive Committee members will be elected to a two (2) year term, with the president, head referee and the treasurer elected during the even year AGM and vice-president and secretary during the odd year AGM. Officers may not hold office for more than five (5) consecutive terms without Board of Directors approval.
- Section 6. The Treasurer of the GLSL shall be bonded.

ARTICLE 5 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Section 1. A person shall be eligible for the Executive Committee if a member club has nominated that person.

- Section 2. A person shall be eligible for nomination to the office of the President, if that person has served on the Board of Directors, or in a similar capacity on a member club board.

ARTICLE 6 DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Section 1. The duties and power of the officers of the GLSL shall be as indicated by the title of the office and general usage, except as may otherwise be specified in these by-laws.
- Section 2. President: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the GLSL, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, and shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. The President shall have active management responsibility for the business of the GLSL and shall see that the by-laws and policies of the GLSL are enforced; shall be ex-officio member of all committees; and have general powers and duties of supervision and management of the GLSL in accordance with the Constitution and by-laws, or as directed by the Board of Directors; and shall represent the GLSL at all meetings and in case of absence or the absence of the Vice President, shall appoint a replacement.
- Section 3. Vice President: The Vice President shall preside at Executive Committee and Board of Directors' meetings in the absence of the President, and shall perform other duties as assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.
- Section 4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have the responsibility of the receipt and disbursement of all funds of the GLSL; shall furnish financial statements to member clubs; shall file annual reports and present an annual budget; the Treasurer shall appoint assistant(s) as needed.
- Section 5. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep permanent records of the minutes of all meetings, act as custodian of the official records of the GLSL; shall be responsible for filing annual reports to the State of Michigan; shall attend promptly to all correspondence for the President and other officers upon request; shall give notice of all meetings; shall keep a current mailing list of all member clubs; shall issue the calendar of events for each current season. The Secretary shall appoint assistant(s) as needed.
- Section 6. Head Referee: The Head Referee shall act as a liaison with the Michigan SRA. The Head Referee shall be responsible for knowledge of current FIFA laws and any and all modifications to those laws as prescribed by MSYSA, MSPSP and GLSL. The Head Referee shall be responsible for communicating all laws and modifications to member clubs. The Head Referee may appoint assistant(s) as needed.

ARTICLE 7 MEETINGS

- Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and the election of the Executive Committee shall take place in the first quarter of each year. The period from July 1st through June 30th shall be known as the GLSL fiscal year. Notice of the

Annual Meeting shall be mailed to each Board member and President of member clubs at least fourteen (14) days before the scheduled date.

- Section 2. Executive Committee meetings shall be held as needed. The majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. A majority of those present shall rule. The President shall call for such meetings and set the location. A schedule of all regular Board meetings shall be established at the beginning of each season. Notice of any additional Board meetings shall be mailed to the last known address of each Director and President of the member clubs. Notification will be postmarked at least five (5) days prior to said meetings.

ARTICLE 8 COMMITTEES

- Section 1. The GLSL shall create the following Standing Committees: Disciplinary, Head Coach and Protest. The League shall establish rules and policies to be implemented by each Standing Committee, which shall only be amended or approved at the beginning of each fiscal year.
- Section 2. The GLSL shall create committees deemed necessary to fulfill the objectives and purposes of the GLSL.
- Section 3. The President shall, with the approval of the Board of Directors, appoint all Committee chairpersons, who, in turn, shall appoint members for their committees.

ARTICLE 9 APPOINTED POSITIONS

- Section 1. The GLSL Executive Committee shall appoint the following position:
Registrar
- Section 2. Duties of the Registrar: The Registrar shall maintain a current roster of all Teams and players registered in the GLSL for the purpose of player registration, team affiliation and identification. The Registrar shall appoint assistant(s) as needed.

ARTICLE 10 CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES

- Section 1. The GLSL shall have the ability to hire contractual employees.

ARTICLE 11 REMOVAL OF ELECTED OFFICERS

- Section 1. Any elected Executive Committee Officer, absent from three (3) consecutive meetings without cause, may be removed by having that office declared vacant by the Board of Directors.
- Section 2. Removal of an elected Executive Committee officer shall be initiated by petition signed by fifty percent (50%) or more of the total votes of the Board of Directors, and due notice of fourteen (14) days given to that officer and the Board. Removal shall take effect with an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total votes.

ARTICLE 12 DISSOLUTION

- Section 1. The steps for voluntary dissolution by the Board of Directors are as follows:
- (a) A special meeting of the Board of Directors must be held to discuss the purpose of dissolution. By Affirmative vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Board of Directors present and voting, the Executive Committee may be directed to conduct an election by ballot of all Board members on the question of dissolution.
 - (b) If required, the Executive Committee shall act as an Election Committee and conduct, within thirty (30) days, but not sooner than fifteen (15) days, a vote of all board members on the question of dissolution.
 - (c) A two-thirds (2/3) majority of Board members voting is required to enter the GLSL into dissolution proceedings.
- Section 2. **WINDING UP OF AFFAIRS;** Upon vote for dissolution, the Executive Committee shall halt all GLSL activities, pay all obligations, and pay over any residue of asserts to those member Clubs duly registered by the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE 13 AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. These by-laws in their initial form and content shall be effective upon approval by the Board of Directors, and by their adoption, any other by-laws shall be thereby declared to have been revoked, rescinded and rendered inoperative as the official by-laws of the Great Lakes Soccer League.
- Section 2. Any section of the by-laws may be temporarily suspended by the action of two-thirds (2/3) of the member Clubs attending any official meeting at which a quorum is present, provided that due and proper notice is given member clubs.
- Section 3. These by-laws, or any one of them, may be altered, amended, or replaced by action of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors attending any meeting at which a quorum is present, provided a notice of intention to submit a proposal of change shall have been included in the notice of that meeting, postmarked at least fourteen (14) days prior. The mailing shall include the language of the proposed change.