

Constitution and By-Laws
Of the
Akron Soccer League
Updated April 10, 2003

Article I: Title and Location

The Name of this corporation shall be Akron Soccer League, Inc. The principal office of said Corporation shall be in the Town of Newstead, New York with the mailing address of P.O. Box 94, Akron, New York 14001.

Article II: Purposes

The purposes for which this Corporation is formed are particularly to provide the administrative structure necessary for the conduct of organized youth soccer; to foster teamwork; skills and sportsmanship; to provide instruction and coaching services that teach the fundamentals and develop soccer skills; to establish, operate and maintain facilities; and to provide proper and safe equipment.

The Corporation will conduct and coordinate these activities through affiliations with the Buffalo and Western New York Junior Soccer League and the New York State West Youth Soccer Associations.

Article III: Membership

1. Membership in the Akron Soccer League, Inc. shall be open to parents or legal guardians of children participating in the Akron Soccer League, Inc. program. In addition, anyone over the age of 18 years of age who provides requested volunteer services to the league is eligible.
2. Each member shall be entitled to one vote, in person, at the annual meeting, or at any other special meeting of the general membership that may be called.
3. The annual meeting shall be held at such a time and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors.
4. A notice of any annual or special meeting shall be publicized not less than two weeks prior to the meeting date.
5. The presence at any membership meeting of those in attendance shall constitute a quorum to conduct the business of the Corporation.
6. The order of business, at all membership meetings, shall be as follows:

- a. Roll call
 - b. Reading of the minutes of preceding meeting
 - c. Reading of the Treasurer's report
 - d. Reports from committees
 - e. Chairman's report
 - f. Old business
 - g. New business
 - h. Items for the good and welfare of the Corporation
 - i. Adjournment
7. All members of this Corporation shall operate in accordance with the approved rules and regulations and the laws of soccer as directed by FIFA, USSF, NYS West Youth Soccer Association, Inc., and the Buffalo Western New York Junior Soccer League, and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Akron Soccer League, Inc. Rules, regulations and other operating policies of the Corporation may be altered only at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Article IV: Board of Directors

1. The control and management of the corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors.
2. The number of Directors shall be a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of fourteen (14). Each Director shall be at least 18 years of age. There shall be one Director designated for each of the following offices:
 - a. President
 - b. Immediate Past President
 - c. Vice President
 - d. Secretary
 - e. Treasurer

All other Board Members shall be appointed to head committees.

3. At each annual meeting of the members, the membership shall elect Directors and Officers to serve until the next annual meeting. To be eligible to serve as an Officer (2a.-e. above), a member must have served as a Director for at least 1 year. Each Director or Officer shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which they were elected, or until a successor has been elected or until their resignation or removal.
4. Any or all of the Directors or Officers may be removed for cause by vote of the members, or by action of the Board.

5. A Director or Officer may resign at anytime by giving written notice to the Board, the President, or the Secretary of the Corporation. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, the resignation shall take effect upon receipt thereof by the Board or such Officer, and the acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.
6. Unless otherwise provided in the certificate of incorporation, a majority of the entire Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business or any specified item of business.

Article V: Duties of Officers

1. President:

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and its membership, but shall vote only to break a tie. He/She shall appoint all non-elected committees and shall serve ex-officio on all committees.

2. Vice President

- The Vice President shall assist the President in his/her duties and shall exercise the powers of the President in the latter's absence.

3. Secretary

- The Secretary shall record all business transactions of the Corporation, attend to the correspondence, keep records of the Corporation, including minutes of the meetings.

4. Treasurer

- The Treasurer shall have charge of all monies of the Corporation and shall keep a detailed account of income and expenditures of the Corporation. He/she shall submit a statement of the financial condition of the Corporation at regular and Board of Directors meetings. He/she shall sign all checks of the Corporation. In his/her absence, this duty shall be assumed by the President. He/she shall act as a coordinator in the conduct of Corporation business. He/she shall have charge of all properties of the Corporation.

5. Immediate Past President

The Immediate Past President shall assist the President as necessary.

Article VI: Committees

The Board of Directors may appoint temporary or permanent committees. They may include, but not limited to the following:

1. Buffalo and WNY Junior Soccer League
2. Referees
3. Field Maintenance
4. Equipment
5. Publicity
6. Newsletter
7. Travel Soccer
8. Coaches

Article VII: Amendments

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended, altered, changed, added to or replaced by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the membership present at any stipulated meeting, provided that written notice of such proposed changes shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member of the Corporation at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting at which the proposed change or changes shall be submitted for vote.

Article VIII: USSF Bylaws

The Membership of the Akron Soccer League shall be open to any soccer players, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, officials, and Board of Directors not subject to suspension under section 4 of Bylaw 241 of the USSF Bylaws.

The USSF articles of incorporation, bylaws, policies, and requirements take precedence over and supersede the governing documents and decisions of the Akron Soccer League to the extent applicable under state law, and the Akron Soccer League will abide by those articles, bylaws, policies, and requirements.

The Akron Soccer League will abide by the USSF's articles, bylaws, policies, and requirements on interplay.

The Akron Soccer League will provide equitable and prompt hearing and appeal procedures to guarantee the rights of individuals to participate and compete. These procedures shall include that all grievances involving the right to participate and compete in activities sponsored by the USSF, and the NYSWYSA, and the Akron Soccer League may be appealed to the USSF's Appeals Committee in accordance with NYSWYSA bylaws and policies. The Federations Appeal Committee shall have the jurisdiction to approve, modify, or reverse a decision. A decision rendered by the Akron Soccer League or the NYSWYSA from which an appeal is taken is not

suspended pending the final decision of the Federation's Appeal Committee unless the Committee otherwise orders. The decision made by the Akron Soccer League or the NYSWYSA may be upheld, revised or reversed and remanded.

Article IX: Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the corporation shall after necessary expenses thereof be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws; or to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose; or to another organization to be used in such manner as in the judgment of a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York will best accomplish the general purposes for which this corporation was formed.

Article X: Restrictive Purposes and Activities Provision

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization is organized exclusively for one or more of the following purposes: religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, or educational purposes, or to foster national or international sports competition, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, as specified in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

Article XI: Restrictive Legislation Provision

No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Internal Revenue Code section 501(h) or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Article XI: Non-Inurement Provision

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, officer of the organization, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the organization), and no member, trustee, officer of the organization, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the assets on dissolution of the organization.

