

Beaver Soccer Club Constitution and Bylaws

January 2018

1. Organization Name

This organization shall be known as the Beaver Soccer club, also to referred to as BSC or the Club. The headquarters/address of the Club shall be that of the elected President unless changed by board (see article 10).

2. Purpose of BSC

The purpose of BSC shall be to promote and offer an organized program of soccer training and competition, further the skill and development of soccer to youth in the area surrounding zip code 43920 and its neighboring towns, areas and municipalities in Columbiana County Ohio. BSC seeks to provide an atmosphere of safety and good sportsmanship within which players and teams can compete, learn, and enjoy the game of soccer. BSC will provide training for boys and girls emphasizing individual fitness, soccer specific skill development, team building and success.

BSC shall be affiliated with Ohio Youth Soccer Association North (OYSAN), which is the recognized youth soccer organization for Northern Ohio. BSC shall actively enroll all members, board members coaches etc in OYSAN. BSC may extend its affiliation to include tournaments and other leagues.

3. Membership

Membership shall be open to individuals interested in club activities, including players, parents of players, and any other adults (whether or not they have a child player). Herein and hereafter the term “parents” includes biological parents and legal guardians. The criterion for active membership in BSC shall be registration with BSC, and by extension, OYSAN. All parents having a child registered shall be considered members and be invited to meetings and involved in elections of officers. All board members, coaches, trainers, volunteers, by extension anyone with the supervision or direction of youth or children shall have the complete background checks, training, licensure, credentials required to by OYSAN, US Soccer or any tournament or league BSC competes in as per that entities requirements. And must provide these to BSC upon request and before acceptance by board to desired position.

BSC shall not discriminate against anyone based on race, sex, religion, politics or Naional origian

4. Description of Governance

The governing body of BSC shall be an Executive Board, hereafter referred to as the Board. The Board shall be responsible for executing all matters of policy (fiscal, administrative, rules). The Board shall consist of the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Coaching Director, Equipment Manager, Fundraising Manager, and Referee Assignor. All Board members shall be adults. Board members may assume multiple roles. Board members shall be elected for a one-year term and shall be eligible for re-election.

All matters of policy shall be decided at BSC meetings, which shall be open to all members of the Club. Club members may actively participate in discussion regarding matters to be voted on by the Board, but only Board members shall have the power to vote. Decision shall be by simple majority of cast votes. A Board member may cast only one vote, even if he/she is holding more than one office. A majority of the currently active Board members shall constitute a quorum.

An annual meeting will be convened once a year. It will be the January meeting unless another date is specified by the Board. Other Club meetings shall be scheduled as determined by the Board. Dates and times to be made public via the BSC website. All effort shall be made to meet at least once monthly. "Roberts Rules of Order" shall be employed at all meetings.

Board members shall be nominated from current coaches, referees, parents and affiliated adults. Election shall be decided by a plurality of cast votes. All adult members shall be eligible to vote provided they are active members of BSC. An office holder may cast only a single vote per person irrespective of the number of offices he/she may hold, parents shall be limited to a single vote per family, and the one-vote-per-family restriction shall apply to all families including those where one of the parents holds an BSC office. For the election of new Board members, at least 11 currently active adult members shall constitute a quorum. In case of vacancy on the Board due to the departure of a member prior to the end of his/her term, the position shall be filled by the Board by simple majority vote.

5. Duties of the Board

The Board shall be responsible for executing all policy decisions adopted at Club meetings. In emergencies or whenever immediate action is required, the Board shall have the power to set policy without calling for a Club meeting. However, such actions shall be placed on the agenda for the subsequent Club meeting for review and reconsideration.

The Board shall approve all team coaches, assistant coaches, and managers on a seasonal basis.

When choosing coaches things taken into consideration may include license level, experience coaching at the level requested, and years coaching the current team.

The Board shall have the authority to suspend any member of the BSC whose conduct is considered detrimental to the organization.

The duties and responsibilities of Board officers shall be as follows:

President – The President shall schedule, set the agenda for, and preside over, all Club meetings; shall be chairman of the Board; shall be the official representative of BSC; and shall be authorized to sign checks.

Vice-President – The Vice-President shall assume the office and powers of the President in the President's absence; and shall be official liaison with league or tournament official(s); shall be responsible for scheduling all competition; and shall be responsible (with the President) for determining field condition on match days.

Secretary – The Secretary shall be in charge of all correspondence involving BSC; shall keep detailed minutes of all meetings; shall keep Club records; and shall correspond on behalf of BSC with the knowledge and permission of the President.

Treasurer – The Treasurer shall be in charge of Club finances; shall report on the Club's financial status at all Club Meetings; shall submit and distribute a full written report of the financial transactions and the status of finances at the end of each fiscal year; shall be responsible for any tax reporting requirements; and shall be authorized to sign checks.

Registrar – The Registrar shall be in charge of registering players for all soccer programs provided by the BSC; shall be responsible for communicating appropriate registration information to OYSAN and other officials of tournaments or leagues; and shall ensure all players and coaches have appropriate registration documentation prior to competition.

Coaching Director – The Coaching Director shall be responsible for the recruiting, training and development of coaches; shall manage Board approved coaching and player training programs; oversee all coaching & player clinics and training programs; and monitor the activities of all coaches for all BSC teams.

Equipment Manager – The Equipment Manager shall be responsible for uniform and equipment purchases and shall be the liaison between BSC and the uniform and equipment provider.

Fundraising Manager – The Fundraising Manager will be responsible for all BSC fundraising efforts; shall be the liaison between BSC and other fund raising entities.

Referee Assignor – The Referee Assignor shall be responsible for assigning appropriate referees for all Club home matches, and shall oversee referee training and development.

Field Manager- As needed position to be filled by the board. Currently BSC shall be using rented and maintained fields. This can be amended per article 10

6. Fiscal Policy

The fiscal year shall be from January 1st until December 31 of the same year. All monies paid to the Club shall be promptly deposited in an account in the name of BSC. All bills shall be paid when due. All funds shall be spent only in the interest of the BSC. With

approval from the Board, a team may raise funds to spend at its discretion. This authority, however, does not apply to purchasing alternate team uniforms, since players must wear the Club uniform approved by the Board.

BSC charges a fee for the travel soccer program to cover costs incurred by the Club. These costs include costs of OYSAN, player dues, referee payments and equipment purchase(s) tournament costs, transfer fees etc. The Club makes every attempt to keep the fee as low as possible each year, and charges only enough to cover costs and expenses. Fees for participation and the cost of the uniform shall be decided each year by the Board and shall be payable and due at registration. All effort shall be made to keep the cost as low as possible while not affecting player and team development.

Extraordinary/hardship refund requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and any refund decisions require discussion by the Board.

The BSC is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organization that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) (b) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code. A.) No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under 501 (c) (3) (b) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code

Upon the dissolution of BSC, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or shall be distributed to the federal government or to the state or local government for a public purpose.

7. Guidelines for Fielding Teams

Teams shall be fielded as players, coaches, available fields, and equipment allow. Players in the (BSC) shall play in their appropriate age group as defined by OYSAN / US Soccer. No player may play up more than two years, nor in a younger age group.

All teams shall be approved by the Board. And shall be deemed to be a part of the team until (a) the season concludes or (b) the Parent/player request and is granted a release. Parents wishing a release from a team must request such a release from the team coach who will pass the request to the board. No monies shall be refunded unless approved by board on an extraordinary circumstance

All teams shall be formed by the use of tryouts. At or possibly before tryouts, BSC will distribute information detailing the tryout procedure, and any other relevant information.

Following tryouts, players are placed on teams and informed of placement decisions via BSC's website. BSC will leave a contact number with any questions as to the decision of the tryout

Age divisions shall be in accordance US Soccer OYSAN guidelines.

Teams shall abide by the rules and regulations of the League OYSAN, tournament rules and BSC. Specific (modified) laws of the game shall be approved by the board but shall not in any way overrule rules of US Soccer or OYSAN or any league or tournament rules BSC would be associated with.

When multiple teams are fielded at any age level(s) in any one year, these teams shall be balanced with respect to age and ability.

Where two age groups are to be combined into one team, they shall follow the rule for the oldest player to follow OYSAN and US Soccer rules for age grouping – Birth year grouping.

8. Deportment Requirements

BSC shall strive to provide an atmosphere of good sportsmanship within which players and teams can learn, enjoy, and compete in the game of soccer. In this spirit, all members of the BSC (coaches, managers, players, and parents) shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. All members shall cooperate fully with the letter and spirit of the rules of the game, the published Code of Conduct, as well as all bylaws, coache's manual, and guidelines of BSC.

Any inappropriate behavior by a member shall be referred to the Board for review and action.

9. Other Matters

The Board shall have the power to deal with matters not explicitly covered by the Constitution and Bylaws.

10. Amendments

The bylaws may be amended by a simple majority vote of the Board. Bylaw changes must be completed prior to the Annual Meeting in order to be in effect for the following season.

BSA agreement to Constitution and By Laws

President- Eric Mays

Signature [Signature] Date 1 / 9 / 18

V President- Devin Miller

Signature [Signature] Date 1 / 9 / 18

Secretary- Justin Holmes

Signature [Signature] Date 1 / 9 / 18

Treasurer- Mike Cannon

Signature [Signature] Date 1 / 9 / 18

Coaching Director-

Signature Joseph Zirillo Date 1 / 9 / 18

Witness- Elizabeth Connor

Signature [Signature] Date 1 / 9 / 18