

Bellevue Soccer Club

Constitution

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Definition

Name

The name of this club shall be the Bellevue Soccer Club (BSC).

Objectives

The objective of the BSC shall be to foster the sport of soccer, to provide youth and adults in the Bellevue area the opportunity to play soccer in a supervised program, and to provide the material support necessary to carry out the club's objectives. The BSC shall also attempt to channel players into competitive programs: e.g. competitive teams, all-star games, tournaments, post-season competition and contests with other city and state soccer clubs (organizations).

Headquarters

The headquarters of the BSC shall be in the City of Bellevue in the State of Nebraska.

Colors

The representative colors of the BSC shall be purple and white.

Jurisdiction

The area of jurisdiction of the Bellevue Soccer Club shall be primarily Sarpy County, Nebraska.

Affiliation

The BSC may be affiliated, at the discretion of the executive council, with various leagues and/or associations and shall at all times recognize the authority, rulings and laws of those bodies in all league/association matters. The BSC may be a member of national, state or local organizations at the discretion of the executive council and will respect the laws and rulings of these organizations.

Membership

Membership in the BSC shall fall under the following categories:

- **Active Member.** An Active Member is an individual that meets one of the following:
 - A parent or guardian of a child registered and playing with the BSC.
 - A coach, assistant coach, or referee, of the age 18 or older.
 - An adult player, 21 years old or over, registered and playing with the BSC.
 - Has responsibility for a club function through election or appointment by majority vote of the Executive Council.
- **Voting Member.** A Voting Member is an Active Member that attends a regularly scheduled Executive Council meeting and obtains a membership card. Membership cards shall only be issued at regularly scheduled Executive Council Meetings by the Secretary. Voting Members are eligible to vote at the Executive Council Elections and for changes to the Constitution.
- **Associate Member.** An Associate Member is a youth that has met all registration requirements of the BSC.
- **Honorary Member.** An Honorary Member is an individual who having promoted the goals and objectives of the BSC may be awarded honorary membership by a majority vote of the Executive Council.
- **Patron.** A Patron is an individual or organization that has donated significant material or financial contributions to the BSC may be recognized as a Patron by majority vote of the Executive Council.

Organization

The overall organization of the BSC shall consist of the following:

Executive Council

The executive council shall consist of the following members:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Director of Officials
- Director of Maintenance
- Director of Scheduling
- Director of Competition
- Director of TOPS
- Age Group Directors

The above-mentioned members shall constitute the Board of Directors as indicated in the articles of incorporation and shall be voting members of the Executive Council.

Nominees for Executive Council positions shall be Voting Members of the BSC.

Executive Council members will be elected by a majority vote of the voting membership at the annual meeting.

Each Age Group Director may appoint an assistant to aid with the coordination of activities within their division. In the absence of the Age Group Director, the assistant Age Group Director will receive the rights and the Executive Council voting privileges for their division. Assistant Age Group Directors shall be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Council.

The Executive Council shall be the overall governing authority of the BSC and shall be responsible for:

- approving those internal working procedures and regulations proposed by the individual directors
- conducting the routine business of the BSC
- presiding over the business of the general and/or special meetings
- managing the club's financial accounts
- establishing the and maintaining the "Administrative Policies"
- establishing and maintaining the "Game Rules"

The vacancy of an Executive Council office may be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the remaining Executive Council members, except for the office of the BSC President; the Vice-President, shall assume the duties of the BSC President for the unexpired term.

Teams and Players

Players in the recreational program shall be organized into teams according to their age and nearest public elementary school in so far as possible. Players in the competitive soccer program shall be assigned to teams according to their age and abilities, upon selection of the coach. All players shall abide by the objectives of the BSC as set forth herein.

Committees

Special and standing committees may be established by the Executive Council to organize and manage specific club activities. Standing committees will normally be appointed to accomplish those functions routinely required for the continued operation of the BSC (e.g. public relations, ways and means). Special committees will normally be appointed for a specific function not requiring a permanent or semi-permanent committee representation (e.g. election committee, constitution revision committee, banquet committee).

Meetings

Executive Council Meetings

Regular meetings of the executive council shall be held at least once every month, with not less than three days prior notice having been given to the Executive Council members.

The President may call special meetings of the Executive Council at any time, with not less than 72 hours notice having been given to the Executive Council members, and a public posting.

The place and hour of these meetings (regular and special sessions of the executive council) shall be fixed by the President as the occasion demands.

A record shall be kept of attendance of the Executive Council members as well as business transacted.

At all regular meetings of the Executive Council, the Secretary shall submit the minutes of the preceding Executive Council meeting, any special Executive Council Meetings, and division minutes as available, which shall be presented for adoption.

The Secretary shall then read such letters as may be necessary or that any member of the Executive Council desires to have read.

The report of the treasurer will follow the Secretary's report.

The reports of the committee meetings shall be taken up next.

Executive council members may ask questions which have reference to such letters or reports.

The business of the reports, unless objected to, will be accepted and adopted as written.

The order of business at any council meeting shall follow that of standard parliamentary procedure (Robert's Rules of Order, as revised), except as noted with the "Administrative Policies".

Executive council meetings are open to the public.

For Regular and Special Meetings of the Executive Council, "Quorum" is defined as a simple majority of the filled Executive Council positions.

When a quorum is not obtained, no business, new or old, may be conducted. The only actions permitted without a quorum are:

- a. Members present may attempt to reach a quorum by contacting absent Executive Council members or their duly assigned assistants. The start of the meeting may be delayed for a reasonable amount of time in an effort to obtain a quorum.
- b. If a quorum can not be obtained at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Council by contacting absent Executive Council members or their duly assigned assistants, a member of the Executive Committee, if present, may determine the date, time, and location of a Special Meeting of the Executive Council to be held in lieu of the regularly scheduled meeting for which a quorum could not be obtained.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the BSC will be held within the first two weeks of each November at the headquarters, city of Bellevue, Nebraska with not less than one week prior public notice having been given.

In the event of an emergency, or under unusual circumstances, the annual BSC meeting may be postponed by a majority vote of the Executive Council, in which case the authority shall be vested in the incumbent officers to continue in office until an annual meeting can be held.

A special membership meeting may be called by a majority vote of the Executive Council at any time with one week prior public notice having been given.

Discipline

Unsportsmanlike conduct by any person associated with the BSC or assisting in any soccer activity of this club shall be subject to, suspension or dismissal from the BSC as determined by a majority vote of the Executive Council.

Removal from Office

Executive Council members may be removed from office for failure to perform their duties in such a manner as to promote the good order of the BSC, upon a two-thirds majority vote of the executive council.

Modifications

Motions

All motions, whether original or amendments, shall, if the President requests, be reduced to writing, signed by the mover and handed to the secretary immediately upon being moved.

Constitution

The constitution of the BSC may be amended or revised by a majority vote of the voting members present at the annual or special membership meeting, provided the amendments or revisions have publicly posted twenty days prior to the meeting at which the amendment or revision is to be voted upon.

Dissolution

The dissolution of the BSC and the distribution of club assets if any will be the responsibility of the Executive Council at the time of dissolution as stated in the articles of incorporation.