



FREDERICTON DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of the Association shall be the *Fredericton District Soccer Association*, hereinafter called *The Association*.

ARTICLE 2: GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 1) To improve and increase community facilities for our players.
- 2) To develop quality coach, referee and player programs.
- 3) To involve parents, community volunteers.
- 4) Providing our members with an enjoyable, affordable and rewarding soccer experience.
- 5) Encouraging maximum participation.
- 6) The right of every member to participate in safe, healthy, and harassment-free play.
- 7) A developmental environment that promotes fair play and respect for all participants. The FDSA supports the Fair Play of Soccer through:
 - Safety & Support
 - Opportunities / Access
 - Commitment / Volunteerism
 - Cooperation
 - Education / Enjoyment / Equality
 - Respect / Integrity
- 8) Leadership – Demonstrate leadership in the sport of soccer and being progressive in our actions.

ARTICLE 3: AMENDMENTS

The constitution of the Association shall not be altered **except** at an Annual General Meeting, and notice of the proposed alteration shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least three (3) weeks before the day of the meeting. An amendment to the

constitution shall be made only at an Annual General Meeting and by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members voting thereon.

ARTICLE 4: AFFILIATION

The Association shall be affiliated with Soccer New Brunswick.

ARTICLE 5: MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Association shall include all registered teams, players, officials, trainers, coaches, managers and parents who operate under the jurisdiction of the Association and who comply with the requirements of its constitution, by-laws and regulations.

ARTICLE 6: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held within the first three (3) weeks of October each year. All members shall receive fourteen (14) days clear notice of the time and location of the Annual General Meeting. All members of the Association present at the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled to vote on all business coming before the meeting. The order of business shall be as follows:

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting
- 3) Reports: President, Vice-President, Treasurer
- 4) Reports: Committees
- 5) Unfinished business
- 6) Amendments to the Constitution
- 7) Election of Officers
- 8) New business
- 9) Adjournment

ARTICLE 7: SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A special General Meeting of the Association may be called by the President at the request of ten (10) or more members. A Special General Meeting shall be called within fourteen (14) days of written request. This notice should be in writing, together with details of the matters to be dealt with thereat. Only the business for which the Special General Meeting has been called will be dealt with.

ARTICLE 8: VOTING

All members in good standing with the Association shall be allowed one (1) vote at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. Members in good standing being defined as those persons participating in the activities of the Association in the season prior to the Annual or Special General Meeting.

ARTICLE 9: EXECUTIVE

The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President (Operations), a Vice-President (External), a Secretary and a Treasurer. These officers shall comprise the Executive and shall be empowered to conduct all business on behalf of the Fredericton District Soccer Association.

- a) A quorum shall consist of any three members of the Executive. Each member of the Executive shall be entitled to one vote with the exception of the President, who shall have a casting vote only.
- b) The Executive shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall remain in office for two years. If possible, the President, the Secretary and the Vice-President (External) shall be elected on years opposite the Vice-President (Operations) and the Treasurer.
- c) The Executive shall have the power to set up such committees as it shall deem necessary and to appoint a Chairperson for each such committee.

ARTICLE 10: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of the Executive Officers of the Association and a maximum of eight (8) elected Directors, as set out in policy.

- (a) Each Director shall be elected for a term of two years—with such terms to expire on a staggered basis.
- (b) Ex officio members: The Past President of the FDSA; a representative of the City of Fredericton Community Services Department (Recreation Division); a representative of the Old Boys Club; a representative of Senior Women and the Fredericton Senior Soccer League (FSSL). Ex officio members shall not be elected and shall be non-voting Board members.
- (c) The Board may appoint up to two additional directors annually, as needed
- (d) A quorum shall consist of 1/3 of the total number of Board members eligible to vote. Each voting member of the Board shall be entitled to one vote with the exception of the President, who shall have a casting vote only

- (d) Any Board member who misses three consecutive Board meetings, without good reason, may be deemed to have vacated his or her seat.
- (e) The Board may appoint a person to fill a vacant seat for the unexpired balance of the term of office.

ARTICLE 11: DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTORS

- (a) The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and without limiting the generality of the foregoing shall have the authority and responsibility for administering the affairs of the Association within the policies established by the Board of Directors. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors. The President shall have no vote except a casting vote at all meetings of the Association. The President may appoint committees and chairpersons, where necessary, and is an ex-officio member of all committees including the standing committees.
- (b) The Vice-Presidents shall attend all general meetings of the Association, the Board of Directors and Committees of which they are a member. The Vice-President (Operations) shall oversee the development and implementation of all Association programs; and the Vice-President (External) shall liaise with external bodies, including Soccer New Brunswick. One or other of the Vice-Presidents will act in the absence of the President.
- (c) The Directors shall attend all General and Board of Directors meetings. They shall be primarily responsible to the area or committee to which they are elected.
- (d) The Executive Director shall give notice of all meetings of the Association to persons entitled, and shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors, all General and Special Meetings of the Association. The Secretary shall have all minutes approved by the Board at the next succeeding meeting. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association and shall keep the correspondence files and minute files. The Executive Director shall have responsibility for the policies and Constitution of the Association. – if new position is establish – this responsibility may change

ARTICLE 12: PLAYING RULES

The laws of the game of soccer for the Association shall be those official laws of Soccer New Brunswick and the Canadian Soccer Association as amended and modified, subject to special rules established by the Association to suit particular requirements.

ARTICLE 13: SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

- (a) Any monies collected by the FDSA for the sponsorship of premiership teams attending national tournaments shall be placed in a special account for that purpose. This fund shall be used solely for sponsoring FDSA premiership teams in traveling to national tournaments, and shall not be used for any other purpose. This fund shall be administered in accordance with FDSA policy.

- (b) Any monies collected by the FDSA for facilities development shall be placed in a special account for that purpose. This fund shall be used solely for facilities development, and shall not be used for any other purpose. This fund shall be administered in accordance with FDSA policy.