

WALLOWA VALLEY SOCCER ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

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Part I – General

Bylaw 101. Name

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Wallowa Valley Soccer Association, hereinafter referred to as the Club. The Club will maintain status as nonprofit organization under the laws of the United States and the State of Oregon, and shall maintain its tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2. The Club shall engage in lawful activity, none of which is for profit, pursuant to Chapter 65 of the Oregon Revised Statutes and §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 3. The Club serves the general area of Wallowa County, Oregon, but membership is not limited to within those boundaries.

Bylaw 102. Purpose

Section 1. The purposes of the Club shall be to promote, develop, and administer the game of soccer among youth (boys and girls under 19 years of age), residing within Wallowa County and surrounding areas, and to promote amateur soccer competition for these youth.

Bylaw 103. Memberships in Other Organizations

Section 1. The Club shall be a member of, and comply with the Bylaws and Policies of Oregon Youth Soccer Association (OYSA). The Club shall also be an affiliate of U. S. Youth Soccer (USYS), the U. S. Soccer Federation (USSF), and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

Section 2. The Club shall maintain its bylaws and policies in compliance with the bylaws and policies of OYSA, USYS, USSF, and the USOC. In the event of any conflict between the bylaws and policies of the Club and the bylaws and policies of the organizations of which it is a member, the provisions of the organizations of which the Club is a member shall take priority.

Bylaw 104. Authority

Section 1. The governing authority of this Club shall be vested in an elected body known as the Board of Directors (Board), which shall exercise the right of decision on all matters pertaining to Club affairs.

Bylaw 105. Laws of the Game

Section 1. FIFA Laws of the Game as modified for youth and small-sided games shall apply and be administered by the club and league rules.

Bylaw 106. Fiscal and Seasonal Soccer Year

Section 1. The Club's financial year shall be from January 1 to December 31.

Section 2. The seasonal soccer year shall extend from September 1st through August 31st of the following year.

Bylaw 107. Colors

Section 1. The colors of the Club shall be green and white.

Bylaw 108. Rules of Order

Section 1. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall guide the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are consistent with the Bylaws and any special rules of order the Club may adopt.

Bylaw 109. Dissolution of Club

Section 1. Should the Club be dissolved, all monetary and physical assets remaining after payment of all debts shall be turned over to another IRS tax-exempt charitable organization promoting youth activities in Wallowa County, Oregon.

Section 2. Should the club merge with another, all assets shall be transferred to the surviving entity by the end of the fiscal year.

Part II – Membership

Bylaw 201. Equal Opportunity

Section 1. The Club will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation.

Bylaw 202. Participation

Section 1. Participation is open to youth soccer players ages 5-18, and to coaches, trainers, managers, administrators and volunteers who are not serving a suspension from participation

by OYSA or any organization of which it is a member, any of its member clubs, or by any amateur soccer organization in its territory.

Section 2. **Youth Participants** - Are registered players under the age of 19. They shall submit an application to the Registrar in the format prescribed by the Club. An annual fee established by, and payable to, the Club shall accompany all applications, with the exception of players on scholarships who must still submit an application. Acceptance by the Club shall constitute approval of the application provided space is available on a team for the player.

Section 3. **Adult Participants**- Are registered adults who are officers, directors, employees, coaches, trainers, managers, and other elected or appointed administrators who work on behalf of the Club. Acceptance of Adult Participants by the Club shall be subject to approval of the application and verification by OYSA that the person's risk status is "Approved". The Club may not accept an individual who is restricted or suspended from participation by any sports organization.

Section 4. Every player, coach, assistant coach, team manager, programs administrator, club officer, board member, club employee, and volunteer who acts as an official representative of the Club must be registered with the Club and OYSA, and the appropriate fees paid.

Section 5. Both Youth Participants and Adult Participants shall be subject to OYSA's bylaws and policies as well as the Club's bylaws and policies.

Section 6. All Adult Participants must submit to annual background checks in accordance with OYSA policies.

Bylaw 203. Membership

Section 1. **Adult Members** - Are the registered Adult Participants of the Club.

Section 2. **Parent Members** - Are the parents or legal guardians of the Youth Participants.

Section 3. **Voting by Members** - At the Annual General Membership Meeting and any Special General Membership Meetings, all Adult Members and Parent Members shall be eligible to vote on matters that are brought before the meeting, subject to the following limitations:

- A. The President shall chair the meeting and may not vote on any issue before the meeting other than election of officers and directors.
- B. Parent Members are limited to not more than 2 voting persons per family.
- C. Each voting person is limited to one vote; regardless of the number of offices that person may hold.

Part III – Organization and Board

Bylaw 301. Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors (Board) shall be the representative governing authority of the Club. The Board will conduct the business of the Club and shall be composed of the elected officers, and other elected members. The number of Board members may be modified from time to time, but the number shall never be fewer than 5.

Section 2. The Board shall be comprised of the officers specified in Bylaw 302 and 3 directors at large. All elected officers and elected directors are eligible to vote on any matter before the Board.

Section 3. A quorum for conducting business at any Board meeting shall consist of 60% of the voting members of the Board. The affirmative vote of a majority of the eligible voting members of the Board shall be required to adopt or amend Club policies.

Section 4. Appointed coordinators and other *ex officio* members of the Board may attend meetings, participate in discussions, and provide advice to the Board but shall not have voting privileges at Board meetings.

Bylaw 302. Club Officers and Duties

Section 1. Officers

The club shall have the following elected officers:

- A. President
- B. Vice-president
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Registrar

Section 1. **President**

The President shall supervise all activities of the Club and Board. The President shall be the presiding Officer at all Club meetings. The President shall appoint committees as needed or when charged to do so by a majority of the elected officers and shall be an *ex officio* member of all committees. The President shall be the official representative of the Club in all interactions with the public, except when another person has been given that authority by the President with the approval of the Board. The President shall act as the Risk Management Coordinator for the Club

Section 2. **Vice President**

The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the President's absence and otherwise assist the President as required. The VP shall serve as Club Parliamentarian and be a voting member of the Board.

Section 3. **Secretary**

The Secretary shall keep and publish an accurate record of all meetings, maintain the files of the Club and be responsible for the preparation of the annual report, and be a voting member of the Board.

Section 4. **Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall be in charge of the financial affairs and activities of the Club, shall keep an accurate, informative, timely and verifiable record of all moneys received and disbursed by the Club, all assets owned or controlled by the Club and all debts owed by the Club. The Treasurer shall maintain checking account(s) with signature authority vested in no fewer than three (3) Club officers with dual signatures required for any expenditure in excess of \$200.00. The Treasurer shall disburse funds for authorized purposes in accordance with authorized procedures, prepare and submit annual financial information to the general membership at the AGM, and shall provide financial statements acceptable to the board at each regular meeting of the Board or as otherwise directed. The Treasurer shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, all documents required to allow the Club to maintain its tax exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code and the laws of the State of Oregon.

Section 5. **Registrar**

The Registrar shall be responsible for registering all accepted applicants within the Club, and registering those individuals with Oregon Youth Soccer. The Registrar shall certify birth dates as necessary and accept required forms and fees from Club participants. All fees shall be given to the Treasurer for deposit. The Board may appoint assistant registrars to help the in performing the Registrar's duties.

Bylaw 303. *Ex-officio* Members of the Board

Section 1. **Head Coach**

The Board may appoint a Head Coach to manage the Club's coaches. If appointed, the Head Coach shall attend regular meetings of the Board and shall advise the Board on all issues relating to player and coach development. The head coach shall not be a voting member of the Board. The Head Coach shall be responsible for establishing a program of player and coach development and will be responsible for the following functions:

- A. Develop and carry out a Coach Development Program including scheduling and/or providing coaching clinics, conducting meetings for the coaches, setting policy and providing training related to acceptable behavior and other activities as appropriate to facilitate the training of the coaches and the players.
- B. Communicate to coaches information on programs, Club policies and general information relating to Club activities and team organization.
- C. Coordinate the recruitment and selection of coaches, subject to approval by the Board.
- D. Coordinate with the Registrar the assignment of coaches to teams.
- E. Report to the Board on all matters relating to coaching.

Bylaw 304. Appointed Coordinators

Section 1. The Board may appoint coordinators to manage the programs that the Club provides. Appointed Coordinators shall serve for the seasonal year in which they are appointed, unless another term is set by the Board upon appointment. Appointed coordinators serve at the pleasure of the Board and may be removed by a majority vote of the Board at any Board meeting. Appointed Coordinators shall attend regular Board meetings, shall advise the Board on all matters pertaining to the programs under their jurisdiction, and may participate in Board discussions. Appointed Coordinators shall not, however, be entitled to vote on issues before the Board and shall not be considered in determining whether a quorum is present for conducting business at a Board meeting.

The Board is authorized (but not required) to appoint coordinators to manage the programs described in the following sections.

Section 1. Referee Coordinator

The Referee Coordinator shall establish acceptable qualifications for game officials hired by the Club. The Referee Coordinator shall arrange training to develop referees for the club. The Referee Coordinator shall be responsible for scheduling referees for Club games and maintaining records for payroll as needed. The Referee Coordinator should complete the Assignor Training Course and be certified by USSF. The Referee Coordinator shall report to the Board on all matters and activities concerning referees.

Section 2. Coach Coordinator

The Coach Coordinator shall be responsible for the coordination of player and coach development and will be responsible for the following functions:

- A. Develop and carry out a Coach Development Program including scheduling and/or providing coaching clinics, conducting meetings for the coaches, setting policy and providing training related to acceptable behavior and other activities as appropriate to facilitate the training of the coaches and the players.
- B. Communicate to coaches information on programs, Club policies and general information relating to Club activities and team organization.
- C. Coordinate the recruitment and selection of coaches, subject to approval by the Board.
- D. Coordinate with the Registrar the assignment of coaches to teams.
- E. Report to the Board on all matters relating to coaching.

Section 3. H.S. Coed Coordinator

The High School Coed Coordinator shall:

- A. Organize a High School Coed Program
- B. Establish a program to distribute information about the program to high school students and coaches in the Club's service area.
- C. Communicate to coaches' information on programs, Club policies, and general information relating to Club activities and team organization.
- D. Coordinate the recruitment and selection of coaches with the Coach Coordinator.
- E. Coordinate with the Registrar the assignment of coaches for teams, depending on approval.

- F. Create teams using applicable recreational guidelines

Section 4. Equipment Coordinator

The Equipment Coordinator shall be responsible for the purchase, distribution, and management of uniforms and equipment for the Club. The Equipment Coordinator shall conduct inventories, and maintain appropriate records regarding distribution and storage of all uniforms, and equipment belonging to the Club.

Section 5. Field Coordinator

The Field Coordinator shall be responsible for purchasing field maintenance equipment and supplies, organizing, and overseeing field maintenance activities, including field lining and goal post placement. The Field Coordinator will provide for goal maintenance and replacement, nets, and goal anchoring needs. The Field Coordinator will select individuals to lay-out and line fields for play, and inspect goals and field equipment for condition and safety

Section 6. Communication Coordinator

The Communication Coordinator will publish a club newsletter and prepare flyers and communications announcing registration, leagues and seasons to members and potential members. The Communication Coordinator will maintain a current mailing file to include Board members, coaches, assistant coaches, referees, and players.

Bylaw 305. Election of Officers and Directors

Section 1. All members of the Board shall be elected at the AGM.

Section 2. The term of office shall be two years beginning immediately after the AGM has been adjourned.

Section 3. No person may serve more than 4 consecutive terms in a single office.

Section 4. A majority of the votes cast in a specific contest shall be required to elect a person to the Board.

- A. If there are more than 2 candidates for a seat on the Board and no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the candidate with the fewest votes shall be eliminated and another round of ballots shall be cast.
- B. Voting shall continue until a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast

Bylaw 306. Removal of Officers or Directors

Section 1. A Board member may be suspended or removed from office for failure to meet responsibilities or for otherwise acting in a manner detrimental to the interests of the Club.

Section 2. Suspension or removal of a Board member shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the eligible voting Board members, not including the person whose removal is in question. A vote to remove a Board member shall only be taken following a fact-finding hearing before the Board.

Section 3. If the Board receives a complaint regarding the conduct of a Board member or otherwise becomes aware of allegations of misconduct regarding a Board member, the President or Vice President shall appoint an impartial committee of fact-finders to review allegations within 15 days. The committee shall present a report to the Board within 30 days of being appointed.

Section 4. The person whose removal is in question may attend the meeting at which removal is on the agenda and may offer information and discussion regarding the allegations. The person whose removal is in question shall not participate in any vote regarding the removal and shall leave the room in which the meeting is being held if so requested by any voting member of the Board.

Bylaw 307. Filling Vacant Offices

Section 1. Vacancies occurring subsequent to elections shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board within 60 days of the vacancy occurring. The Board's appointment to fill a vacancy shall be subject to ratification by the members at the next General Membership Meeting.

Bylaw 309. Committees

Section 1. The Board may create committees for the purposes established by the Board. The duration of such *ad hoc* committees shall be established by the Board. The Board may adopt policies that specify details of committee formation, staffing, and reporting to the Board.

Section 2. The President shall be an *ex-officio* member of all committees established by the Board, although the Board may appoint another person to chair the committee.

Part IV – Meetings

Bylaw 401. Board of Directors Meetings

Section 1. Regular Board Meetings shall be held quarterly at the time and place designated by the Board. The Board shall publicize to the membership the time and location of regular Board meetings.

Section 2. Special Board Meetings shall be held at a time and place specified by the President, or by a majority vote of the Board. Special meetings may be called upon with two days notice to members.

Section 3. The Board shall set the order of business for all business Meetings.

Section 4. A quorum for the board meeting shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the board.

Bylaw 402. General Membership Meeting

Section 1. The Annual General Membership Meeting (AGM) shall normally be held each January. At this meeting election of officers will occur. Voting shall be by the eligible voters as specified in Bylaw 203, Section 4.

Section 2. Special Membership Meetings may be scheduled or called by a majority vote of the Board.

Section 3. The Board must provide not less than 7 days notice to eligible voting members prior to any membership meeting.

Section 4. The Board shall set the order of business for General Membership Meetings. Bylaw revisions shall be submitted to the membership per bylaw 701.

Section 5. A quorum for action at a membership meeting shall consist of the eligible voting members present at the meeting. A majority vote of those eligible members present at any membership meeting shall be required for approval of any issue brought to a vote at such meeting

Part V – Administrative

Bylaw 501. Financial Policies

Section 1. The Board shall adopt financial control policies that provide details for the handling of the club's financial affairs. Such policies shall be reviewed annually and modified as required by the club's auditors.

Section 2. The Board shall establish a budget for each year within the first 3 months of the new fiscal year.

Section 3. The Board shall cause an annual review of financial statements by an independent source.

Section 3. The Board shall cause tax reports to be prepared and submitted to the IRS in accordance with IRS rules for non-profit and tax exempt organizations.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall provide financial statements acceptable to the board at each regular meeting of the Board or as otherwise directed.

Bylaw 502. Referees

Section 1. Referees selected by the Club shall serve as independent contractors.

Section 2. Any individual referee receiving more than \$600 in a calendar year shall be issued a 1099 tax form which shall be filed with the IRS.

Section 3. All referees shall be USSF certified.

Part VI – Grievance, Protest, and Appeals

Bylaw 601. Grievance, Protest, and Appeals

Section 1. The Club and its Board of Directors shall follow procedures for handling protest and appeals in accordance with the principles of due process.

Section 2. Submission of a Grievance, Protest or Appeal shall be in writing and shall indicate the specific charges or alleged violation, and resolution desired.

Section 3. All club procedures shall comply with Oregon Youth Soccer policies and the OYSA Grievance, Protest, and Appeal Manual (GPA Manual).

Section 4. The Board shall adopt policies that specify any additional procedures not provided in the GPA Manual, including any fees that will apply to initiating claims with the Club.

Bylaw 602. Hearing Procedures

Section 1. Hearings will be conducted in accordance with the rules of the Oregon Youth Soccer Association GPA Manual.

Section 2. The Board will adopt policies as needed to supplement the GPA manual.

Section 3. Grievances will be heard by the Board as scheduled by the President. Procedures for conducting the hearing will be set by the Board based upon the nature of the issues presented in the Grievance.

Bylaw 603. Hearing Procedures - Sponsored Competition

Section 1. The Board shall approve Rules of Competition for any tournaments or leagues sponsored by the Club.

Section 2. Copies of the Rules will be distributed to participating teams when they register for the event.

Section 3. Any protests or complaints arising from the sponsored event will be heard by the event director (or designee) in accordance with the Rules. The Rules will provide for a final decision on any complaint or protest before the next scheduled match of the affected parties.

Section 5. The decision of the event director shall be final and shall be verified in writing and retained in the club records.

Section 6. Complaints of referee abuse or assault will be promptly forwarded to Oregon Youth Soccer Association.

Section 7. The event director shall submit a complaint to the Club regarding the conduct of any Club member participating in the event if the event director believes that the conduct that is the basis of the complaint merits disciplinary action greater than a ban from participation in the current event session. Referrals from the event director will be handled as a misconduct complaint in the manner specified in the OYSA GPA Manual.

Bylaw 604. Appeals Process

Section 1. Appeals of the results from any hearing conducted by the Club must be submitted to the Oregon Youth Soccer Association as required by the OYSA GPA Manual. There shall be no appeals of Club hearing decisions heard by the Club.

Section 2. The decisions or sanctions imposed shall remain in effect until the time limit of the sanction has expired, or the decision is overturned by an appeal.

Part VII - Risk Management

Bylaw 701. Risk Management Policy

Section 1. The Club will comply with the provisions of the OYSA Risk Management Policy.

Section 2. The President shall be the Club's Risk Management Coordinator.

Section 3. The President shall have authority to enter into a Conditional Approval Agreement with the OYSA Risk Management Coordinator only upon approval of the Board.

Section 4. The President will consult with the OYSA Risk Management Coordinator regarding any concerns about the criminal history of any person who is, or has applied to become, a registered Adult Participant in the Club.

Section 5. The President shall promptly notify the OYSA Risk Management Coordinator upon learning that any Adult Participant in the club has been formally charged with, or has been convicted of, a crime.

Section 6. The Board may adopt a risk management policy that provides guidance to the club regarding the suitability of accepting a person to be a club Administrator. Any such policy shall not allow acceptance of a person who is disqualified by OYSA, but it may provide for the disqualification of a person who has been approved by OYSA.

Part VIII – Amendments

Bylaw 801. Bylaw Changes and Amendments

Section 1. Changes or amendments to these bylaws may be adopted at any General Membership Meeting upon two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the accredited voting members present. Each eligible person may only cast one vote, regardless of the number of offices held.

Section 2. A proposed change or amendment must be submitted in writing to the President or Secretary of the Club not later than thirty (30) days before the General Membership Meeting. Such changes shall be transmitted to Board Members and eligible voting members of the Club not later than fifteen (15) days prior to said meeting.

Bylaw 802. Provisional Changes

Section 1. The Board, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, may create temporary bylaw changes for governing specific cases or occasions not provided for in the Bylaws, but which may be necessary for the Club to meet required objectives. Provisional changes so adopted will be submitted to the membership in accordance with Bylaw 801 as a proposed Bylaw amendment at the next General Membership Meeting.

Bylaw 803. Severability and Precedence

Section 1. Any section of these bylaws considered to be in violation of applicable laws shall not affect the remaining sections that are in compliance with those laws.

Section 2. The bylaws and policies of the organizations of which the Club is a member shall take precedence over these bylaws. The Board shall submit an amendment to these Club bylaws at the Club's next General Membership Meeting to eliminate the cause of any conflict.