



LAKE COUNTRY SOCCER, INC.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1001 NAME

The name of this organization shall be “Lake Country Soccer, Inc.” and will be referred to as “Lake Country Soccer, Inc.” in this Constitution and in the By-Laws, Policies, Rules & Regulations.

Article 1002 PURPOSE AND TERRITORY

The primary purpose of this organization shall be the development and promotion of the sport of soccer in Southwest Missouri.

Article 1003 AFFILIATION

Lake Country Soccer, Inc., may affiliate with the United States Soccer Federation (US Soccer) and any affiliate national association or organization of US Soccer.

- Section 1003.a. As an affiliate of US Soccer, Lake Country Soccer will not join any organization that has requirements that conflict with USSF articles, by-laws, policies and requirements.

- Section 1003b. Register its players, coaches, teams, referees and administrators with the USSF, at least once each year and timely pay dues and fees of the USSF through a designated state affiliate, regional affiliate, national affiliate or national affiliates, as determined by the Lake Country Soccer, Inc., Board of Directors.

- Section 1003c. Provide to the secretary of each state, regional or national affiliate, where required, an annual report on the activities of Lake Country Soccer, Inc., within (90) ninety days after adoption, and make copies of these documents available to the Lake Country Soccer, Inc., members.

Article 1004 HEADQUARTERS

- Section 1004a. The headquarters of this organization shall be located at 2334 E. Pythian Springfield, Missouri. The corporation may have such other offices within the State of Missouri as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the corporation may require from time to time.

- Section 1004b. The corporation shall have and continuously maintain in the State of Missouri a registered office, and a registered office, and a registered agent whose office is identical with such registered office, as required by the Missouri Non-Profit Corporation Act. The registered office may be, but need not be, identical with the principal office in the State of Missouri, and the address of the registered office may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors.



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Article 1005 COLORS

The colors of this Organization shall be red, white and blue.

Article 1006 MEMBERSHIP

Section 1006b. Membership in “good standing” is subject to timely payment of annual dues. Attendance at the Annual General Meeting is a condition of membership and to maintain “good standing” status.

Section 1006c. The failure to pay annual dues to Lake Country Soccer, Inc., by the published deadline date, shall be sufficient cause for the suspension of membership or termination of membership.

Section 1006d. In all matters which are properly presented to the General Membership at the Annual meeting, each member in “good standing” shall have voting rights set forth in the by-laws of this organization.

Section 1006e. Lake Country Soccer, Inc., shall not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex or national or ethnic origin.

Article 1007 AUTHORITY

Section 1007a. This organization shall be governed by this Constitution and by its duly approved By-Laws, Policies, Rules & Regulations, all of which are subject to the Constitution, Policies, Rules & Regulations of US Soccer and any state, regional or national affiliate where appropriate.

Section 1007b. The authority of this Organization, except where otherwise delegated herein, is vested in the Executive Committee and in the Board of Directors.

Article 1008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1008a. The Board of Directors shall consist of the duly elected members of the executive board and five elected board members. The number of persons on the Board of Directors of the corporation shall be nine (9).

Section 1008b. In all matters which come before the Board of Directors lawfully assembled, each member in “good standing” shall have one vote. No person shall have more than one vote on any matter.



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- Section 1008c. The Board of Directors shall have jurisdiction over all Leagues, teams, coaches, players, parents and Referees affiliated with this Organization.
- Section 1008d. The Board of Directors shall, in all matters, except those herein otherwise designated, transact all business of this Organization directly or by designation of its authority. The Board of Directors and others delegated to carry out the lawful business shall enforce the rules of US Soccer and any state, regional or national affiliate where applicable.
- Section 1008e. The Board of Directors shall have the power to review, ratify, alter or reject decisions and policies of the Executive Board or of any other committee or person or persons acting for this Organization.
- Section 1008f. The Board of Directors shall have the power to:
- Section 1008f.1. Arrange soccer games of any nature in its own name.
 - Section 1008f.2. Investigate and correct unfavorable conditions or situations within this Organization.
 - Section 1008f.3. Discipline its members, teams, players, coaches, parents and Referees through suspensions, expulsions or assessments for violations of the rules of this Organization or of US Soccer or any national affiliate where appropriate.
 - Section 1008f.4. Establish a fee schedule prior to the Lake Country Soccer, Inc. Annual General Meeting.
 - Section 1008f.5. Promote the sport of soccer in Southwest Missouri.
 - Section 1008.f.6. Make recommendations to the Executive Committee regarding personnel issues concerning any employee of Lake Country Soccer, Inc.
- Section 1008g. Acquire and dispose of property (real and personal) in accordance with Chapter 355 of Missouri statutes.
- Section 1008h. In all matters of controversy, the decisions of the Board of Directors shall be subject to appeal according to the rules of any state, regional or national affiliate of US Soccer where appropriate and US Soccer. The resulting decisions may be appealed.



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Section 1008i. The Board of Directors shall meet at the times and places they determine but not less than once each calendar quarter. One meeting must be within thirty (30) days following the AGM. In addition, special meetings may be called as required by the President or the majority of the Board of Directors or upon written demand to the president of one-third ($1/3^{\text{rd}}$) or more of the total membership in “good standing”.

Section 1008.j. Unless otherwise specified in this Constitution and/or its By-Laws, this Organization shall refer to, and be subject to Missouri Revised Statutes Chapter 355: Nonprofit Corporation Law.

Article 1009 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Section 1009a. At each AGM, the membership shall appoint or elect their officers, known as the Executive Committee, each to serve in a specific office as defined by the By-Laws. Terms of office shall be two (2) years. The President shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, from the current members of the Board of Directors, in even-numbered years. The Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years. The Vice-President and Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. Elections shall be conducted under rules set forth in the By-Laws of this organization. Newly elected officers will be sworn into and take office over their positions at the next Board of Directors meeting.

Section 1009b. The Executive Committee, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, shall be directly responsible for all personnel issues concerning any employee of Lake Country Soccer, Inc.

Article 1010 **AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds ($2/3^{\text{rd}}$) majority of those present and eligible to vote at the AGM.

Article 1011 **REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

Officers may be removed from office for reasonable cause by a two-thirds ($2/3^{\text{rd}}$) majority vote of those present and eligible to vote at any duly constituted General Membership Meeting.

Article 1012 **DISSOLUTION**

In case of dissolution, the assets of this Organization, after paying or providing for all debts and obligations of this Organization, shall be conveyed and distributed by majority vote of the general membership in accordance with Chapter 355 of Missouri Revised Statutes.