

Northern Triad Soccer Club

BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1. **Name** The name of this organization is the **Northern Triad Soccer Club** or, in these Bylaws, "NTSC."

Section 2. **NTSC** is a non-profit corporation formed under the laws (Chapter 55 a) of North Carolina and IRS Regulation 501-c-3.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of **NTSC** shall be to:

- 1) Promote the physical, emotional, mental, moral and social well being of its members and participants.
- 2) Promote youth soccer in Stokes county, neighboring counties, and North Carolina.

Section 2. Players' safety shall be of primary concern. In addition, **NTSC** will respect the priorities of home, church and school over soccer.

ARTICLE III: AFFILIATIONS

The **NTSC** is a member of North Carolina Youth Soccer Association (NCYSA) and shall abide by the rules of NCYSA, the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), and the Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA).

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. **Eligibility** The **NTSC** and its membership shall not discriminate against any individual or team on the basis of race, religion, gender, national origin or political affiliation.

Section 2. **Composition** The **NTSC** membership consists of: the adults whose children are registered as players with **NTSC**. All registered coaches of **NTSC** member teams. All adults whose children are registered players. The **NTSC** Board of Directors.

Section 3. All registered **NTSC** players shall be members of NCYSA.

Section 4. **Annual General Membership Meeting**. The Annual General Membership Meeting will occur in May of each year for the purpose of:

- a) presenting a slate of nominees for Board of Directors;
- b) conducting any other items of business the Board of Directors places before the membership for action.

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. **Composition** The Board of Directors is the governing body of **NTSC** and is composed of not more than 15 active members. There shall be an Executive Board composed of: **President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Recreation and the Director of Competition**. All members of the board of directors must register with the NCYSA risk management system.

Section 2. **Minimum Requirements**

- (a) All nominations to the Board must be approved by the Executive Board before open vote.

- (b) All nominees must attend a minimum of 3 consecutive Board meetings before consideration is given
- (c) All nominees for the Executive Board must have a minimum tenure of 6 months as an active Board member.

Section 3. **Responsibilities** The Board members are:

- (a) **President** whose duties include:

Presiding at all NTSC meetings.

Serving as the official NTSC spokesperson.

Interpreting the NTSC Bylaws.

Guiding the Board and membership in the development and execution of NTSC activities and adherence to NTSC and NCYSA goals.

- (b) **Vice-President** whose duties include:

Assisting the President in the performance of his/her duties and serving in his/her absence.

- (c) **Secretary** whose duties include:

Keeping minutes of NTSC meetings.

Compiling and maintaining all necessary records of the NTSC including these Bylaws.

Conducting necessary correspondence.

Maintaining NTSC contact/address lists.

- (d) **Treasurer** whose duties include:

Maintaining accurate records of all NTSC financial transactions, including all income and disbursements.

Filing necessary tax documents.

Signing all checks.

Presenting the Treasurer's Report at each Board meeting.

- (e) **Director of Recreation** whose duties include:

All aspects of coordinating the success of the NTSC Recreation Soccer program

Sitting as voting member of the Board.

Performing duties assigned by the President.

- (f) **Director of Competition** whose duties include:

All aspects of coordinating the success of the NTSC Competitive Soccer programs

Sitting as voting member of the Board.

Performing duties assigned by the President.

- (g) **Coaches** whose duties include:

Representing the interests of the teams to the Board.

- (g) **Parents** whose duties include:

Representing the interests of the parents to the Board.

- (h) **Registrar** whose duties include:

Monitoring the financial activities of the NTSC.

Preparing team rosters and distributing them to all coaches, officers and NCYSA.

Registering NTSC teams and providing NCYSA with team rosters.

Sitting on the Board as a non-voting member.

Section 4. **Election of Board Members**

- (a) **Time and method.** All members of the Board of Directors, with the exception of the Registrar, shall be elected by plurality vote in May of each year. The Registrar shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board.
- (b) **Term.** The term of office shall be one year, beginning June 1 and ending May 31.
- (c) **Term Limitation.** No person shall serve in the same position on the Board for more than three consecutive years. No person shall hold more than one office simultaneously.

Section 5. **Vacancies.** In the event of a vacancy in any of the Board seats, the remaining Board members shall appoint, by majority vote, a new officer to complete the unexpired term of office.

Section 6. **Removal of a Board Member.** The Board of Directors may, with cause, vote to remove a Board member from office. Causes shall include, but not be limited to: violation of the Bylaws, lack of attendance at meetings, or other behavior unbecoming an officer.

Section 7. **Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Directors.**

- (a) Scheduled meetings of the Board shall occur at least quarterly.
- (b) Board meetings are open meetings, but may be closed by majority vote of the Board members present.
- (c) A majority of Board members present at a meeting , (In person or through electronic media) shall constitute a quorum.
- (d) A majority of Board members shall have one vote each with the exception of the Registrar, who has no vote. The President will have full voting privileges if less than 2/3 of the Board members are present. If at least 2/3 of the Board is present, the President will vote only in order to break a tie.
- (e) A simple majority vote shall be sufficient for passage of all actions of the Board.
- (f) All Board meetings will be held in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 8. **Special and Emergency Meetings of the Board**

- (a) Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, or by the Secretary, at the request of at least two other Board members. A ten-day notice is required for Special Meetings.
- (b) An emergency meeting may be called by the President, or by the Secretary, at the request of at least two other Board members. Emergency meetings shall be limited to matters concerning serious violations of the Bylaws of NTSC or NCYSA. A twenty-four hour notice is required for Emergency Meetings.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

Section 1. **Standing Committees.** Standing Committees consist of NTSC board members and parent volunteers. The standing committees of NTSC include:

- (a) Fundraising Committee Chaired by Finance Coordinator
- (b) Fields Committee Chaired by Fields Coordinator
- (c) Tournament Committee Appointed
- (d) Public Relations Committee Chaired by Publicity Coordinator
- (e) Challenge & Classic Committee Chaired by Director Competition
- (f) Associate League Liaison Committee

Section 2. **Committee Members.** Members of standing committees shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII: COACHES

Section 1. **Qualifications.** All coaches of NTSC teams must be registered with USYSA and carded by NCYSA. All coaches , assistant coaches and team managers must register with the NCYSA risk management system.

- A. Any Coach in the Recreation Division of NTSC must obtain a Youth License
- B. Any Coach in the Challenge Division of NTSC must obtain an "E" license from NCYSA or a National Youth Diploma within one year of joining the association.
- C. Any Coach in the Classic Division of NTSC must obtain a "D" license or National Diploma by the beginning of their first season.

Section 2. **Approval.** All new coaches of **NTSC** teams must be approved each year by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. **Responsibilities.**

- (a) A licensed or registered coach must be present at all **NTSC** team practices and games.
- (b) All coaches or their designees are expected to regularly attend the scheduled Coaches' Meetings

Section 4. **Meetings.** Coaches' Meetings shall be scheduled by the Director of Coaching and Player Development, at regular intervals throughout the season. Attendance at these meetings is required by each coach or a representative from each team.

ARTICLE IX: TEAMS

Section 1. **Number and Method of Formation.** The number of teams and the method of formation shall be at the sole discretion of the **NTSC** Board according to the Bylaws of the NCYSA.

Section 2. All players must provide proof of their age and furnish the **NTSC** with documentation of such for record keeping.

Section 3. All players must have USYSA player cards to practice or play with **NTSC** teams.

Section 4. **Roster**

Maximum. Roster size is determined by NCYSA guidelines

- (a) **Addition of players.** If a team has less than 18 players, it may add additional players to its roster to fill its quota.
- (b) **Replacement of Players.** If a team with a roster of 18 players officially loses a player to moving, illness or injury, or withdrawal for any other reason, a replacement player may be placed on the roster.
- (c) **Roster Changes.** Any changes made to team rosters require the official approval and seal of the **NTSC** Registrar.
- (d) No player may practice or play with a **NTSC** team unless he/she is a player currently carded by NCYSA.

ARTICLE X: GAMES

Section 1. **Rules.** All **NTSC** games shall be played according to FIFA or modified FIFA rules. Games involving **NTSC** teams shall be under the jurisdiction of **NTSC**, NCYSA and USYSA.

Section 2. **Fields.** All **NTSC** fields and goals shall be of proper size and specifications, marked according to the NCYSA field chart.

Section 3. **Schedules.**

- a) Classic/Challenge: The **NTSC**, in conjunction with Triad Challenge League (TCL) or NCYSA, shall schedule all of the regular season games for its teams.
- b) Recreation: The **NTSC**, in conjunction with partner associations shall schedule all of the regular season games for its teams.

Section 4. **Equipment.** All **NTSC** players shall wear proper equipment, including shin guards, to all games and practices.

Section 5. **Conduct.** All players, coaches and parents shall exhibit good sportsmanship at all times. The safety of the players shall be primary concern at all times.

ARTICLE XI: FINANCIAL POLICIES

Section 1. **Fees.** Membership fees shall be determined by the **NTSC** Board of Directors and shall be kept as low as possible to enable a maximum number of youths to participate.

Section 2. **Non-profit status.** The NTSC is a volunteer organization. All funds shall be applied to the benefit of NTSC and its membership. No Board member or coach may profit financially through his/her activities on behalf of the NTSC.

Section 3. **Disbursements.** All disbursements of NTSC funds shall be made by NTSC check signed by the NTSC Treasurer. For amounts over \$1000, checks must bear the co-signature of at least two Board members.

Section 4. **Dissolution.** Upon the dissolution of the NTSC, all undistributed funds shall be turned over, in full, to the NCYSA general fund.

ARTICLE XII: VIOLATIONS

Section 1. **Reports of Violations.** All NTSC members shall report violations of the NTSC bylaws in writing to the Secretary of NTSC within five days of becoming aware of such violation. The NTSC Board of Directors shall investigate all reported violations of the NTSC bylaws and rule on them or refer them to the NCYSA for consideration.

Section 2. **Red Cards.**

- (a) Any red cards issued to NTSC members shall result in the offending member being suspended from the next regular season game.
- (b) Two red cards issued to the same NTSC member within one seasonal year (September 1 – August 31) may be cause for the offending member to be suspended from all NTSC activities for the remainder of that seasonal year.

Section 3. **Assaults.** Any assault committed by a NTSC member shall be cause for that member's suspension from all NTSC activities for five years.

ARTICLE XIII: BYLAWS/DOCUMENT POLICY

Section 1. **Document Location.** Copies of these Bylaws, current teams rosters, schedules, a list of current Board members and coaches and other information pertinent to the organization shall be kept on file with the Secretary of Record.

Section 2. **Fee for Copies.** Copies of these Bylaws are available to all NTSC members for a \$1.00 fee.

Section 3. **Bylaws Amendments.** These Bylaws may be amended by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

These Bylaws have been approved on December 5, 2002.

_____ President
_____ Vice-President
_____ Treasurer
_____ Secretary
_____ Director of Recreation
_____ Director of Competition

Nothing in here relating to risk management. Should be included.