



fc 814 – futbol club of the 814

Constitution of the FC 814, Inc. as adopted May 7, 2020

Article I

Name

This Association shall be known as FC 814, Inc. The Association shall also be known as the Futbol Club of the 814.

Article II

Purpose

The purpose of the FC 814 shall be to develop, promote and administer the game of soccer for youth and young adults. It shall also educate players, coaches, referees and parents in the game of soccer. The FC 814 shall serve the communities within Blair, Northern Bedford, and Northern Cambria Counties. The FC 814 is organized and operated exclusively for the above stated purpose, and other related non-profit purposes, and no part of any earnings or income shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, officers or other private parties, except that FC 814 shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose defined herein. Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution, FC 814 shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal Tax Law.

Article III

Affiliation

The FC 814 shall be an affiliate of US Youth Soccer (USYS) through PA West Soccer Association (PA-West) and/or US Club Soccer and has been constituted as a Youth Soccer Association as defined in the FC 814 Constitution. The FC 814 shall be subject to the authority of PA-West and/or US Club Soccer, USYS, the United States Youth Soccer Federation (USSF) and the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA).

Article IV

Government

The FC814 shall be governed by its Constitution, By-laws, Policies, Procedures, Rules and Regulations. FC 814 shall retain its own autonomy, but will adhere to the Constitution, By-laws, Rules, Procedures and Policies of PA West, US Club Soccer and USYS in all matters pertaining to interstate, regional, national, and international competition, or in other competitions sponsored by such organizations.

Article V

Membership

Membership in the FC 814 shall be open to any resident within the areas as defined in Article II. Participation by non-resident members shall be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Members shall include players registered through the club and in good standing, parents and/or legal guardians of players under the age of 18 registered through the club, coaches/managers of teams registered through the club, and the Board of Directors.

Members over the age of 18 and in good standing shall be entitled to serve on the Board of Directors and on committees of the FC 814 as provided in the By-laws. Past members in good standing shall also be entitled to serve on the Board of Directors.

The acceptance of membership obligates the member to comply with the provisions of the Constitution, By-laws, Policies, Procedures, Rules and Regulations of the FC 814. Penalties for violation thereof shall be taken as provided in the By-laws.

Article VI

Fees

Registration fees shall be required for each session of participation and fees shall be set each seasonal (Fiscal) year and shall be defined as provided in the By-laws. The fee shall be determined by the FC 814 Board of Directors as provided by the FC 814 By-laws.

Article VII

Seasonal Year

The Seasonal (Fiscal) Year shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30 of the following calendar year. The Constitution and By-Laws shall be in effect during the entire twelve (12) months of the Seasonal Year.

Article VIII

Board of Directors

The government of the FC814, with the authority set out herein and in the By-Laws, shall be vested in a governing body known hereafter as the Board of Directors or the Board.

The composition of the Board shall be as follows:

(5) Officers elected at the Annual General Meeting as follows:

- ❖ President
- ❖ Vice-President
- ❖ Secretary
- ❖ Treasurer
- ❖ Registrar

Board members appointed by the five (5) elected officers of the Board as defined in the By-Laws. Such appointees must be acceptable to a majority of the elected Board members:

The Board shall meet as provided in Article IX of this Constitution.

Board members whether elected or appointed shall serve during the season year. No more than two non-residents of the FC 814 service area shall be allowed to serve on the board at any one time. President and Vice-President must be held by residents in the FC 814 service area.

The duties and responsibilities of the Board members both individually and collectively shall be as provided in the By-Laws.

All decisions of the Board are final unless appealed to a Special Meeting of the membership of the FC814, and overruled or modified by the Special Meeting, all as provided in Article XI.

Any vacancies occurring on the Board during the Seasonal Year shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors and confirmed by a majority by the Board. Such new Board members arising from vacancies shall continue in office **for the remainder of that member's term.**

Any member of the Board may be removed from office and relieved of all duties by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of the FC814 board of directors, at any General or Special Meeting, provided notice of the proposed removal is given in the call of the meeting.

Article IX

General Meetings of the Membership

There shall be at least two general meetings of the membership during each Seasonal Year, one of which shall be designated as the Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting shall be called by the President, with the concurrence of the Board, toward the end of each Seasonal Year, but no later than June 30 of the Seasonal Year.

With respect to all general meetings, notification to all members in good standing shall be given not less than fifteen (15) days in advance of the scheduled date.

The order of business at general meetings shall be as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Reading of the minutes of the last general meeting
3. Acceptance of those minutes
4. Reports of the Treasurer, Registrar, Officers and Committees
5. Unfinished Business
6. Proposals for amendments to the Constitution and By-laws
7. Election of Officers (for the Annual General Meeting)
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

A majority of Board Members **must be** present at a meeting to constitute a quorum. In addition to those Directors who are actually present at a meeting, **Directors shall be deemed as present at such meeting if a telephone, video conference, or similar communication equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time is used. Vacancies shall affect the calculation of quora.** Voting by proxy shall not be allowed unless expressly permitted in the bylaws.

Officers elected at the Annual General Meeting shall take office on July 1 of the following Seasonal Year.

Special meetings of the membership may be required from time to time. Special meetings may be called by the President, with the concurrence of the Board.

Additional meetings of the membership will be as outlined in the FC 814's Policies and Procedures.

Article X

Amendments

The Constitution may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, by a two-thirds vote of Board members present and in good standing on the basis of one vote for each such Board member at AGM provided a quorum is present. Proposals for amendment or repeal of the Constitution must be made in writing and be submitted to the Vice President so as to allow thirty (30) days' notice to all Board members prior to consideration of such proposals at the AGM.

Article XI

By-laws

By-laws hereafter adopted that may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, in the manner provided therein.

Article XII

Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Association, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities, dispose of all assets of the Association exclusively for the purpose, or purposes, stated in Article II of the Constitution in such manner, or to such organization, or organizations, constituted and conducted exclusively for the purpose or purposes as shall at that time qualify as exempt under Section 501 c (3) Internal Revenue Code, or any corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal Tax Law, as the Board of Directors may determine.