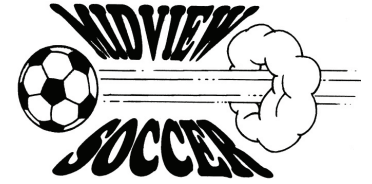


# CONSTITUTION OF THE MIDVIEW SOCCER LEAGUE

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## ARTICLE I

The name of this organization will be the MIDVIEW SOCCER LEAGUE, INC. Hereinafter referred to as the MSL.

## ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT

The Midview Soccer League was formed in September of 1988 to provide a community based recreational, athletic, and social environment for boys and girls ages 5 - 17 who wanted to compete and have fun playing soccer following the principles of good sportsmanship, teamwork, and fair play.

The Midview Soccer League is committed to the growth of soccer for all the children of our community, and to serve as a developmental program for pre-school through high school aged youths.

Today, Midview Soccer League has grown into 32 teams, involving 351 players, 55 coaches and referees, and 35 community volunteers, playing in games and participating in tournaments from August through June each year. There is no admission fees charged for the entrance into any of the games, spectators may attend free.

League membership is available to all residents of the community regardless of race, sex, religion, or national origin. Players must be physically able to compete. Both on field and sideline opportunities are available for physically and behavioral challenged individuals who want to be a part of the league.

The cost of participation is partially covered by the registration fees. However, for potential participants who are experiencing family financial hardship, there is a sliding fee scale that will allow participation at a reduced or totally waived cost, subject to the availability of funds from current and future fundraising activities.

Midview Soccer League expects continued growth over the next few years and is considering adding a toddler program, a summer league session.

Midview Soccer League hopes to continue to provide a healthy and enjoyable activity for its constituents and to make the Grafton area and surrounding neighborhoods a better community to live and play in.

## ARTICLE III - SECTION I - MIDVIEW SOCCER LEAGUE'S GOALS

1. To build a soccer league that will serve the youth in our community, and foster the spirit of fun and athletic development of Midview's youth by making available a soccer program that will foster personal growth while challenging the player to limits of his or her potential and by teaching the benefit of playing within a team environment.
2. To enlist parents as coaches and provide them with the necessary training to allow our players personal growth and development.
3. To remain solvent as an organization allowing our players every opportunity to exceed in the sport of soccer.
4. To ultimately buy and develop land for a multi-field soccer complex, including appropriate sized fields for all age groups, parking, playground, bleachers, concession stand with running water, storage building, and to make all of the proceeding wheelchair accessible.
5. Promote good sportsmanship at all levels of competition - including, members, players, coaches. referees, and spectators.
6. Be nonpartisan and apolitical.
7. Promote the relationships of social and athletic soccer events beyond the community Midview.

#### **ARTICLE IV - JURISDICTION - SECTION I - BOUNDARIES**

The MSL shall be open to participants who reside within the Midview School district or whose child attends public or parochial school in the district. Participation may be extended to other residents of Lorain County upon petition to and approval of the executive board.

#### **ARTICLE V - AFFILIATION**

The MSL shall be affiliated with the Ohio Youth Soccer Association North and shall follow the rules that they have obtained for all outdoor participation.

The MSL shall be affiliated with the Lorain County Soccer League and shall follow the rules that they have obtained for all outdoor participation.

The MSL shall be affiliated with the Northern Ohio Girls Soccer League and shall follow the rules that they have obtained for all outdoor participation. Such teams shall play under the name Midview Soccer League.

The MSL shall be affiliated with the American Amateur Soccer League and shall follow the rules that they have obtained for all outdoor participation. Such teams shall play under the name Midview Soccer League.

#### **ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP - SECTION I - DEFINITION OF MEMBERSHIP - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

The General Membership of the League shall consist of all registered players, parents or legal guardians, coaches, managers, and any and all persons genuinely interested in the game of soccer, who are willing to make a commitment to the purposes and policies of the Midview Soccer League.

#### **SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP**

Any person serving in the capacity of coach, coordinator, or volunteer worker, who does not have a youth in the program shall automatically become a registered member of the Midview Soccer League.

#### **VOTING MEMBERSHIP**

Voting membership is limited to those persons belonging to general or special membership who have attended six public meetings within one year prior to the vote. Each member has one vote.

#### **RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

Any member may resign at any time by submitting a written resignation to the Executive Board, but such resignation shall not relieve any member of liability for any dues or other charges that may have occurred or that are unpaid at the time when such resignation is filed. Furthermore, resignation from membership shall not give any right to refund of any and all dues or other charges that were paid at the time of said resignation.

#### **TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

If any person being a member of the League shall at any time be guilty of any act prejudicial to the League or to the purposes and policies for which it was formed, conduct themselves in such a manner as to bring disfavor and ill-will to the League, or act inconsistently with the qualifications of membership set forth in this Article. One hereof, as shall be determined in the opinion of a majority of the Executive Board, then such person shall be notified to appear personally before the Executive Board at a designated time, not less than ten days after such notification, at which time, said member shall be given a hearing. Only by two-thirds vote of all of the Executive Board members present at said meeting may the membership of such person be terminated. Such termination shall not relieve any member from the liability for any dues or other charges that have occurred or that are unpaid at the time when such termination is effective. Furthermore, termination from membership shall not give any right to refund of any and all dues or other charges that were paid at the time of said termination.

## **ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE BOARD**

A. MSL shall be governed by the Executive Board.

B. Each member of the Executive Board shall have voting power at meetings. No proxy votes are permitted and all business of the MSL shall be conducted at regularly scheduled meetings or at Special Executive Board meetings, held pursuant to the by-laws, minimum of one monthly meeting of the Executive Board, pursuant to the MSL by-laws.

C. Prior to adjournment of each meeting of the Executive Board, the Board shall determine the date, time, and site of the next meeting and shall have the power, pursuant to the by-laws of this constitution, to call Special Executive Board Meetings.

D. Membership on the Executive Board consists of:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Director of Registration
6. Lorain County Soccer League (LCSL) Representative
7. American Amateur Soccer League (AASL) Representative
8. Northern Ohio Girls Soccer League (NOGSL) Representative
9. In-house Instructional League Representative

E. A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of two-thirds of its members and the Board shall do business by majority vote of the members present.

F. By- Laws shall be established by the Executive Board.

G. The Executive Board shall have authority to create any and all Support Service Committees deemed necessary and shall determine the extent of the authority of said committees.

H. No individual may make commitments for the Midview Soccer League nor provide any information about Mid-view Soccer League to outside organizations without approval of the Executive Board. (e.g. mailing lists, financial commitments, use of logo, etc.)

I. The Executive Board shall meet to schedule any Special Public Membership meetings within three days of a request and shall schedule said Special General Membership meetings within ten days of receipt of said request.

J. The Executive Board shall be empowered except where restricted by Law to contract for any services required by the League.

K. MSL income shall be used for operating expenses. All expenditures in excess of \$50.00 to any member of the Executive Board must be approved by two-thirds of the Board.

L. Any expenditure of funds over and above budgeted levels shall be approved by two-thirds of the Executive Board.

M. Shall revoke the membership of any member by two-thirds vote subject to the provisions listed in Termination Of Membership.

N. Shall recommend to the membership passage or rejection of any proposal pursuant to Termination Of Membership or Changes In Articles.

O. Shall approve or reject the nomination of any Chairperson of any Support Services Committee.

P. The Executive Board shall have no power to take any action not specified in this constitution.

Q. No salaries or other compensation shall be paid to any officer of the League.

## **ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS**

A. Officers of MSL shall be nominated for office during the April Public Membership Meeting and shall be elected for a term of one year by majority vote during the Public Membership Meeting in May.

B. Officers of the MSL are as follows:

### **1. President:**

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the League, shall preside at all meetings of the membership (Executive and General). Shall have general and active management of the League and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Executive Board are carried into effect. The President shall execute bonds, mortgages,

leases, and all legal instruments on behalf of the League, except where required or permitted by law to be otherwise signed and executed, and except where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Executive Board to some other officer or agent of the League. The President shall also perform such other and further duties as may from time to time be required by the Executive Board and shall also be an ex-office member of all standing and special committees. Shall appoint chairpersons of standing committees with approval of Executive Board. Shall be a voting member of the Executive Board.

## **2. Vice-President:**

The Vice-President, shall, in the absence, disability, or resignation of the President serve until a new President shall be elected. The Vice-President will be responsible for the nominations and its committee, shall be the Chairperson for the Ways and Means Committee, and be responsible for the independent audit of financial records due during the October Board meeting, or any other audits that may be deemed necessary during the year. The Vice-President shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Executive Board may from time to time prescribe. Shall be in charge of Specials Committee shall be a voting member of the Executive Board.

## **3. Secretary:**

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the membership and record all the proceedings of the meetings of the membership and of the Executive Board in a book to be kept for that purpose and shall perform like duties for the standing committees when required. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Board or the President, under whose supervision the Secretary shall be. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the membership and special meetings of the Executive Board. Shall be a voting member of the Executive Board.

## **4. Treasurer:**

The Treasurer shall have custody of the League's funds and securities and shall keep full and accurate accounts of the receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the league and shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the League in such depositories as may be designated by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the League by check or draft of the League, as may be authorized by the Executive Board, taking proper vouchers or receipts for such disbursements, and shall render to the President and the Executive Board, at its regular meeting or when the Board so requires, an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of financial condition of the League. League checks drawn in the sum higher than \$1500.00 shall require the signatures of both the Treasurer and the President. If required by the Executive Board, the Treasurer shall give League a bond in such sum and with such sureties as shall be satisfactory to the Executive Board for the faithful performance of the duties of the office of Treasurer and for the restoration to the League in case of death, removal of office or retirement, of all books, papers, vouchers, money, and other property of whatever kind in the possession or under the control of the Treasurer belonging to the League. The Treasurer shall be responsible for working with the league's CPA in the filing of all tax forms and filing said forms in a timely manner. An audit of the books may be performed whenever the office becomes vacant, but no less than at the October membership meeting, being performed by the Vice-president. The Treasurer shall file and maintain a current E License for each head coach and shall be a voting member of the Executive Board.

## **5. Director of Registration (Registrar):**

The Director of Registration shall arrange for places and times for registration, shall set-up a committee to handle registration on the dates and appointed times, shall compile permanent records for each child registered and maintain a permanent file for the Midview Soccer League, and shall compile prior to each season and reproduce the initial teams' roster of all teams for the Executive Board. Shall be a voting member of the Executive Board.

## **6. Lorain County Soccer League Representative:**

Shall attend all meetings of the affiliates of the MSL and shall exercise voting privileges of the MSL at said meetings; shall report to the Executive Board at each of its meetings, the business of all affiliates of the MSL. Responsibilities include: filing registration paperwork, distributing schedules and rosters and any other paperwork necessary for MSL to maintain proper affiliation. Shall be a voting member of the Executive Board. Responsibilities include: filing registration paperwork, distributing schedules and rosters and any other paperwork necessary for MSL to maintain proper affiliation.

### **7. American Amateur Soccer League (AASL) Representative:**

Shall attend all meetings of the affiliates of the MSL and shall exercise voting privileges of the MSL at said meetings; shall report to the Executive Board at each of its meetings, the business of all affiliates of the MSL. Responsibilities include: filing registration paperwork, distributing schedules and rosters and any other paperwork necessary for MSL to maintain proper affiliation. Shall be a voting member of the Executive Board.

### **8. Northern OH Girls Soccer League (NOGSL) Representative:**

Shall attend all meetings of the affiliates of the MSL and shall exercise voting privileges of the MSL at said meetings; shall report to the Executive Board at each of its meetings, the business of all affiliates of the MSL. Responsibilities include: filing registration paperwork, distributing schedules and rosters and any other paperwork necessary for MSL to maintain proper affiliation. Shall be a voting member of the Executive Board.

### **9. In-House Instructional League Representative:**

The In-House Instructional League Representative shall attend all meetings of the affiliates of the MSL and shall exercise voting privileges of the MSL at said meetings; shall report to the Executive Board at each of its meetings, the business of all affiliates of the MSL. Develop sportsmanship and basic fundamentals of the game to all youth players. Coaches will run their own practices (schedule through In-House Instructional League Representative). You are also encouraged to work with other teams to practice games.

To coordinate practices there will be two training sessions, one for 4 and 5 year olds, one for 6 and 7 year olds, to teach skills, i.e. foot skills, passing, etc. Team coaches will be different stations to run a certain drill. Skill stations will be using the team coaches rotation by team.

Work with the Registrar to form teams and obtain coaches. This will help you as a representative to free up your time. For each team develop eight weekend games utilizing Saturdays beginning after 9:00 AM, as well as, Sunday afternoons. Season to coincide with LGS (Lorain County Soccer League).

The size of the team not to exceed eight players and are age appropriate teams. Do not need even number of teams for age group level. The field of play for U5's will shall be half a field, or 22 by 30 yards. The field of play for U6's shall be rectangular with dimensions not to exceed 45 yards in length and 30 yards in width. The length in all cases shall exceed the width. Players will use a size 3 ball.

The In-House Instructional League Representative will work with the Referee Coordinator.

Games will be four 8-minute quarters; five minute breaks between quarters with no scores.

The In-House Instructional League Representative works in conjunction with the Education Director Development for coaches player development.

Any written communication needs to be approved by the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON**

The Chairperson of each standing committee shall be responsible for reporting to the Executive Board, as set forth on the organizational chart contained in Article VI of this Constitution. The principle function of the chairperson of all standing committees shall be to organize and form the standing committee and delegate the work of the committee to the committee members. Each standing committee shall have representation at all meetings of the affiliates of the MSL and shall exercise voting privileges of the MSL at said meetings; shall report to the Executive Board meetings when requested, the business of all affiliates of the MSL. Each Committee Chairperson will be responsible for submitting a budget for approval and a passable book of notes, details and information obtained from the previous year (July to June of the following year) to the new Committee Chairperson. Each committee Chairperson will be responsible to submit an annual budget to the Executive Board by the June board meeting.

Chairpersons from each Standing Committees reporting to the Executive Board are:

1. Education Committee
2. Uniform Committee
3. Equipment Committee
4. Fields Committee
5. Ways & Means Committee
6. Publicity Committee

7. Referees Committee
8. Coaches Committee
9. Specials Committee
10. Concession Committee
11. In-House Committee

## **ARTICLE X - CANDIDATES AND ELECTIONS**

- A. A nominating committee consisting of the Vice-president and two other people appointed by the Vice-president with the approval of the executive board shall report to the executive board a slate of candidates prior to the April meeting of the executive board. The executive board shall, at its April meeting, accept nominations from the committee and shall determine a slate of candidates and publish said slate to the membership prior to the general membership meeting in May.
- B. Nominations may be submitted by motion of a member from the floor at the May meeting, provided consent of the nominee has been obtained prior to the nomination.
- C. All members in good standing and has been to at least six meetings in the year are eligible to hold elected office.
- D. All nominees shall be 18 years old.
- E. Election to office will be by majority of those present and eligible to vote at the May meeting.
- F. Term of office will begin immediately upon election and will continue until the following elections.

## **Article XI - VACANCIES**

The President shall nominate candidates to fill vacancies on the Executive board with the concurrence of a majority of the Executive board.

## **Article XII - Annual Meeting**

### **Section I. Annual Meeting**

A. The annual meeting of registered members shall be held in May of every year at a time and place designated by the Executive Board.

### **Section II. Meeting Place**

- A. Notice of the annual meeting shall be given to all voting members of the MSL no less than three weeks prior to the annual meeting.
- B. All positions up for election shall be included in the notice.

## **Article XIII - Special Meeting**

Special meetings of the general board may be held at such time, date, and place in the Midview District, as may be ordered by the president, or upon the call of three or more members of the board, giving the objective thereof, and any such order or call shall be presented to the secretary of the corporation for the purpose of giving notice thereof.

## **Article XIV - Attendance**

Board members shall be removed from their positions due to accumulation of two unexcused absences from regularly scheduled meetings during their terms. Absences are excused by contacting the President or Secretary, prior to the regularly scheduled meeting to be missed.

## **Article XV - Order of Business**

### **Section I. Roberts Rule of Order**

The meetings of the General membership and Executive Board shall be governed by the Roberts Rule of Order. If there is a conflict between a provision in this constitution and Roberts Rule of Order, the provision of this constitution shall control.

## **Section II. Agenda**

The President or person presiding in the absence of the President, will draft an agenda before each Midview Soccer League (MSL) public meeting. Sufficient copies of the agenda will be made available to executive board members, coaches and guests.

At the close of the monthly MSL meeting the person presiding over the meeting will ask for topics of discussion for inclusion in the agenda for the next public meeting. Additional agenda items can be made to the President personally, or through an executive board member. All agenda items must be submitted no later than three days prior to the monthly MSL public meeting. Copies of the agenda will be kept on file with the league President and Secretary.

### **Article XVI - Recall of Membership**

Officers may be recalled by an 80% vote of members present and voting at any general membership meeting.

### **Article XVII - Changes in Articles**

A. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary and shall state the purpose of the change, the language to be deleted and/or the language to be added.

B. Proposed Constitutional Amendments shall be reread and shall only be ratified by a vote of two-thirds of the general membership present and voting.

### **Article XVIII - Dissolution**

A. This organization may be dissolved in accordance with the provision of Article XVI, following the procedure and voting requirements of that article.

B. In the event of dissolution of this organization, the remaining assets, after the payment of all outstanding debts by the Treasurer, shall be donated to Midview Board of Education with the stipulation that the funds be used for the Athletic Department.

### **Article XIX - Ratification**

A. This constitution shall be deemed ratified when all of the following conditions are met:

1. A copy of this constitution has been distributed to the general membership by the current secretary.
2. This constitution has been discussed at a general membership meeting following distribution.
3. A two-thirds vote of the general membership present and voting at a meeting following the meeting mentioned in the paragraph above, votes to ratify with at least ten days between meetings.

B. Upon ratification of this constitution the current officers shall serve as interim officers until the next general membership meeting at which officers may be elected.



