

MSOA Constitution

Approved 11/15/2012 by vote of 59 to 24

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Midwest Soccer Officials Association (“Association”), which may be abbreviated as MSOA.

ARTICLE II -- AFFILIATION

MSOA shall be affiliated with, but not limited to, the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA), the Southern Ohio Amateur Soccer Association (SOASA / USSF), the National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association (NISOA), the Ohio South State Referee Committee (OSSRC), and the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association (OSYSA / USYSA / USSF). This Association shall provide support for all soccer referees and referee organizations within the Greater Cincinnati area in and around the Hamilton County, Ohio region.

ARTICLE III -- PURPOSE

The purposes of MSOA shall be to maximize the ‘voice’ and resources of Cincinnati area soccer officials to better enable identifying, training and developing referees interested in working more competitive and skilled soccer matches.

This purpose will be achieved by providing a means for correct and consistent interpretation and administration of the rules and officiating techniques of soccer as defined by the affiliated organizations to be served by this Association and encouraging all Association members to reach for the highest levels of ethical behavior, physical fitness and continuing education in both the art and science of soccer officiating.

ARTICLE IV – GOVERNMENT

MSOA shall be governed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of four (4) elected officers, the immediate Past President, and six (6) elected Trustees.

The officers to be elected are the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected for two year terms. Trustees shall also be elected to two year terms.

An Annual Meeting shall be held to conduct general Association business and to provide for election of the Board of Directors by the general membership of the Association. At the Annual Meeting held in odd-numbered years, Association shall elect from its membership a President, Vice President, and three (3) Trustees. At the Annual Meeting held in even-numbered years, Association shall elect from its membership a Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) Trustees.

All matters concerning the day to day management and policies of Association shall be decided by a vote of the Board of Directors, and no motion shall be carried without the favorable vote of a simple majority of those participating in a duly constituted meeting held in accordance with the Bylaws of Association.

ARTICLE V -- MEMBERSHIP

Membership in MSOA shall be open to all persons interested in the purpose for which it is organized. All persons accepted as a member in MSOA shall agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association. There shall be five (5) categories of membership with this Association. They shall be

1. Active,
2. Associate,
3. Inactive,
4. Retired,
5. Lifetime.

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ARTICLE VI -- MEETINGS

MSOA shall meet on dates determined by the Board of Directors in accordance with the requirements of its affiliated organizations and as set forth in the By-Laws of MSOA.

ARTICLE VII -- BY-LAWS

In order to perform the day to day operations of the Association, By-Laws shall be adopted for this Association by the Board of Directors. The power to amend or repeal existing By-Laws or to adopt new By-Laws shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The By-Laws shall contain such provisions as are necessary to ensure compliance with this Constitution. The By-Laws may contain any other provisions for the regulation and management of the affairs of this Association which are not inconsistent with this Constitution.

When the Board of Directors has voted to effect a change in the By-Laws, notice shall be announced to the membership via reasonable means of communication; and the change shall take effect 30 days from the date of notice to the membership.

ARTICLE VIII -- AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of eligible voting members present at the Annual Meeting or any other specially designated meeting, provided that a written notice of any proposed amendment is delivered to each member of Association at least 30 days prior to the scheduled vote.

Without advance notice, this Constitution may not be changed at any meeting of the membership of the MSOA.

Any amendments or changes to the Constitution become effective immediately after approval by the membership.

ARTICLE IX -- EFFECTIVE DATE, REPEAL

This Constitution is an amendment in its entirety of all prior enacted Constitutions of this Association, and upon its adoption, all of those prior Constitutions are repealed. This Constitution shall be effective upon the vote of a least two-thirds (2/3) of the Association members, present and voting on the date of voting.

This Constitution has been adopted by the MSOA on November 15th, 2012.

ARTICLE X -- DISSOLUTION OF MSOA

Should the organization be dissolved for any reason, all items, names and funds pertaining to organization will be held by the Board of Directors for a period of one calendar year. At that time the board will make the decision to close the organization thru proper IRS standards. Funds must be donated to a non-profit organization. This shall be done by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.