Article 0 - PREAMBLE

The Ontario Soccer Association, which is incorporated under the Corporations Act of the Province of Ontario, is governed by this By-Law and:

a) promotes, develops, supports, governs, and maintains the game of soccer in the Province of Ontario; and

b) provides an opportunity for any individual or organization to participate in, or learn about, its activities.

Related Topics

Article 1 - INTERPRETATION

a) The name of the Corporation shall be "The Ontario Soccer Association", hereinafter referred to as "The Association".

b) No individual or organization acting under the jurisdiction of The Association shall deny membership to, or expel, any party without just cause or upon grounds that are determined by The Association to be arbitrary.

c) A governing organization may publish rules as By-Laws, Rules, Regulations, Policies, Procedures or Laws, that:

   i) are adopted by the governing organization;

   ii) are distributed to all members of the governing organization;

   iii) shall be interpreted at least to the meaning and intent of the rules as published by the governing organization at the highest level;

   iv) shall not violate an individual's rights or freedom except as may be required to protect the rights and freedom of any other individual and to ensure the stability of the basic structure of soccer; and

   v) shall not be modified without:

      a) the advice of any committee established to administer the area affected by the rule; and

      b) consulting the Membership.

d) Registered individuals and organizations shall act in accordance with published rules.

Related Topics

Article 2 - HEAD OFFICE AND FISCAL YEAR

a) The Head Office of The Association shall be situated in the Province of Ontario.

b) The fiscal year of The Association shall be the one year period ending on December 31st.

Related Topics

Article 3 - MEMBERSHIP

a) District Associations shall apply for Active Membership in accordance with published rules.

b) Soccer organizations operating in more than one district may apply for Associate Membership in accordance with published rules.

c) Professional soccer clubs operating in an International Professional League may apply for Associate Membership in accordance with published rules.

d) An individual may be granted Life Membership in accordance with published rules.

e) An organization may be granted Honourary Membership in accordance with published rules.

f) The Board of Directors shall approve or deny Membership applications in accordance with published rules.

g) The Board of Directors may designate a member as not in good standing and define the consequences to the member being placed in such status in accordance with published rules.

h) Annual Membership fees shall:

   i) be recommended by the Board of Directors;
   ii) be those approved by the Membership;
   iii) consist of a levy on each player or team registered with an Active Member and a levy on each Associate Member; and
   iv) be paid in accordance with published rules.

Related Topics

Article 4 - MEETINGS

a) Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order insofar as they apply.

b) Annual General Meeting

i) An Annual General Meeting shall be held on a Saturday or Sunday within 180 days after the fiscal year end.

ii) Each Member shall be sent a written notice, thirty days in advance, stating the date, time and location of the Annual General Meeting.

iii) The appointment of Auditors shall be approved by the Membership at the Annual General Meeting.

c) Special General Meeting

i) Each Member shall be sent a written notice, fourteen days in advance, stating the date, time, location and business to be dealt with at any Special General Meeting called:

a) by the Board of Directors; and

b) within thirty days, and held within forty-five days, following the submission of a receipted request signed by not less than one-third of the Active and Associate Membership.

ii) Only the business for which a Special General Meeting has been called shall be dealt with except with the unanimous consent of the delegates present.

d) At General Meetings:

i) an Active Member shall be entitled to:

a) a vote for the first one hundred dollars, or part thereof, of fees retained;

b) a vote for each additional three hundred dollars, or part thereof, of fees retained up to a maximum of six votes;

c) a vote for each additional five hundred dollars, or part thereof, of fees retained;

d) have all its votes cast whether it be represented by one or all of its delegates, but not by a delegate of any other Member; and

e) the reimbursement by The Association of the expenses of no more than two delegates;

ii) an Associate Member shall be entitled to one vote;

iii) a Life Member shall be entitled to speak but may not sit as a delegate;

iv) an Officer shall be entitled to speak but may not sit as a delegate; and

v) delegates with a majority of the votes shall form a quorum.

Related Topics

Article 5 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

a) The business of The Association shall be conducted by a Board of Directors comprised of Directors who are designated as:

   i) Officers including a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Directors-at-Large; and

   ii) one District Representative from each Active Member.

b) At Annual General Meetings held in even-numbered years:

   i) the President, Treasurer and two Directors-at-Large shall each be elected by ballot for a two year term; and

   ii) District Representatives appointed by Active Members defined by the Board of Directors as even-numbered shall each be elected for a two year term.

c) At Annual General Meetings held in odd-numbered years:

   i) the Vice-President, Secretary and one Director-at-Large shall each be elected by ballot for a two year term; and

   ii) District Representatives appointed by Active Members defined by the Board of Directors as odd-numbered shall each be elected for a two year term.

d) The Board of Directors shall meet not less than three times a year.

e) At meetings of the Board of Directors a majority of the Directors shall form a quorum.

f) During the intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors, the officers shall be the Executive Committee which shall:

   i) possess and may exercise all the powers of the Board of Directors in the management and direction of the affairs of The Association; and

   ii) meet at the call of the President.

g) The office of a Director shall be vacated if the Director is removed, or allowed to resign, by the Board of Directors for good and sufficient cause.

h) Should a vacancy occur among:

   i) Officers

      a) the members at an annual general meeting of members, with or without notice of the vacancy, may elect a person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of that vacancy; or

      b) the Board of Directors may appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next annual general meeting.

   ii) District Representatives - the District Association affected shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy during the remainder of the term.

i) When a District Representative is unable for satisfactory reason to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors, the President of the affected District Association may appoint an alternate who shall be accorded the full rights and privileges of a District Representative for that meeting, excluding voting rights.

j) The Board of Directors shall select, appoint, and establish the duties and remuneration of a Chief Executive Officer.

k) Every Officer or Member of the Board of Directors or other servant of The Association shall be indemnified by The Association against all costs, losses, and expenses incurred by them respectively in or about the discharge of their respective duties, except such as happens from their own respective willful neglects or defaults.

l) The Association is authorized to borrow such sums of money as may be required from time to time to enable the corporation to carry on the purposes for which it has been established.

Related Topics

Article 6 - DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

a) The President shall preside at meetings of The Association.

b) The Vice-President shall preside at meetings of The Association when the President is absent, or is unable, or refuses, to preside.

c) The Secretary shall be responsible for the corporate affairs of The Association and have custody of the Seal of The Association, an impression of which is stamped on this By-Law.

d) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the fiscal affairs of The Association.

e) A District Representative shall:

   i) be the Official representative of The Association within that District; and

   ii) represent and uphold the interests of that District Association in the affairs of The Association.

Related Topics

Article 7 - COMMITTEES

a) The Board of Directors may constitute Committees in accordance with published rules.

b) The President shall be, ex-officio, a member of all Committees except any nominating committee.

c) At meetings of a Committee a majority of members shall form a quorum.

Related Topics

Article 8 - DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

A District Association is a governing organization that:

i) is immediately subordinate to The Association within a District;

ii) is delegated the responsibility to execute the following administrative functions, which are within the jurisdiction of the District Association:

a) registration;
b) the appointment of Games Officials;
c) clinics;
d) discipline and appeals;

iii) has at least four clubs as members;

iv) has club teams which participate in leagues in accordance with Published Rules; and

v) entitles its members to voting rights at its General Meetings based on fees retained or number of players registered.

Related Topics

Article 9 - CLUB

A Club is a governing organization that:

i) is immediately subordinate to the District Association within whose jurisdiction the Club has located its headquarters;

ii) organizes teams in accordance with published rules; and

iii) may operate leagues in accordance with published rules.

Related Topics

Article 10 - LEAGUE

A League is a governing organization that:

i) is immediately subordinate to the governing organization which delegates it the right to operate; and

ii) controls its teams, for League operation purposes only, in accordance with published rules.

Related Topics

Article 11 - AMENDMENTS

a) All proposed amendments to this By-Law must be received by The Association in writing not less than ninety days prior to a General Meeting.

b) Copies of proposed amendments to this By-Law shall be sent to the Membership not less than sixty days prior to the General Meeting at which they are to be considered.

c) Amendments shall be adopted upon attaining a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the delegates present at the General Meeting.

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