

Central California Soccer League

Constitution

Article 1

Name

The name of this organization (corporation) shall be the Central California Soccer League (the league), with headquarters in Sacramento Ca, U.S.A

1. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3), Internal Revenue Code
2. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.
3. The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of the director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund.

Article II

Purpose

- A. This corporation is a nonprofit PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for Public and Charitable Purposes.
- B. The Central California Soccer League is organized for the purpose of governing soccer competition among its member teams and clubs. The formation of the League is intended to foster friendly and effective cooperation among its members, good sportsmanship, and to develop a better public understanding and appreciation of the game of soccer.
- C. Central California Soccer League (CCSL) is affiliated with California Soccer Association North (CSA-N); United State Adult Soccer Association (USASA); The United States Soccer Federation (USSF); and the Federation Internationale de Futbol Association (FIFA).

Article III

Membership

Section A. A club may register more than one team. Each team has one vote. New members may be admitted to the League upon proper application by a representative of the applying team. Acceptance of new Members shall be approved by the league's Executive Board. The CCSL shall promptly notify California Soccer Association – North (CSA-N) about the acceptance of new members. The Executive Board may grant a League CCSL divisional membership. Divisional membership is for the purpose of CSA-N, USASA, and USSF affiliation only.

Section B. All members must conform to and abide by the League's Constitution and Bylaws together with amendments hereafter made.

Section C. Team Members wishing to withdraw from the League shall notify the Secretary of the League, in writing, at least 30 days prior to the start of the season the date they intend to withdraw.

Section D. All Team Members wishing to withdraw from play once the League season has begun shall forfeit all monetary contributions up to date and no refunds shall be made.

Article IV

Government

Section A. This body shall be governed by duly elected officers who shall form the Executive Board.

1. The Executive Board shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall assume their duties 5 days after the date of the AGM.
2. The Executive Board shall consist of:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. 1st Vice President
 - d. 2nd Vice President
 - e. Secretary
 - f. Treasurer
 - g. Members at Large are optional up to 4
3. Only Executive Board members or those appointed by the Executive Board may serve as delegates to the CSA-N Board of Directors.

Section B. Disciplinary Board

1. The League shall maintain a Disciplinary Board to discipline players and teams as necessary.
2. The Disciplinary Board shall consist of an odd number of members, but not less than 3.
3. The Disciplinary Board Members shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Disciplinary Board and approved by the Executive Board.

Section C. Governing Rules

1. All interested individuals shall be eligible for nomination or appointment to the Executive or Disciplinary Board regardless of their affiliation with a team or other association.
2. Members of the League (Team Managers) and of the Executive and Disciplinary Board have no rights in the property of the Association or League. In the event of dissolution, All Members shall then share equally in the property of the league to be distributed. In the event of a Member (Team Managers) or a member of the Executive and Disciplinary Board resigns, withdraws, or is expelled, the member shall have no interest whatsoever in the property of the league.

Article V

Meetings

Section A. The Annual General Meeting shall be held prior to the commencement of the new Peri Clark Cup season. Nominations and Election of officers shall be conducted at the AGM.

Section B. A quorum for any Membership (Team Managers) meeting shall consist of no less than one third (1/3) of the Membership (Team Managers) that is in good standing at the time the meeting is called to order.

Section D. A written notification of Membership (Team Managers) meetings and Annual General Membership meetings shall be postmarked at least two weeks prior to such meetings. Notice shall include a proposed agenda for the meeting.

Section E. The League's Executive Board shall meet at least once a month during the playing season. In case of an emergency, any member of the Executive Board may request a meeting of the Board by notifying the President. These emergency meetings shall be held if three (3) members or more of the Executive Board agree that the meeting is necessary. The Board will make every effort to notify all members (Team Managers) of any meeting of the board. A quorum for conducting business at Executive meetings shall consist of a majority of its six members.

Section F. Unless otherwise agreed upon Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the process of conducting business at all meetings of the League.

Article VI

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

Section A. The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the League members (Team Managers) in good standing.

Section B. Proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws must be submitted to the League Secretary in writing at least prior to the League's Annual General Meeting. The League shall provide copies of the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws to the Membership (Team Managers) at the Annual General Meeting.

Section C. Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall be approved at the Annual General Meeting.

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Bylaws

Article 1

Executive and Disciplinary Boards

Section A. Members of the Executive Board shall have the following duties and responsibilities

1. President

- a. Shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Board and League.
- b. Shall cosign all checks and assist the Treasurer in overseeing the League's finances.
- c. Shall be responsible for coordinating development of the game schedule for the season.
- d. Shall appoint any new officer, in case of resignation, with approval of the Executive Board.
- e. Shall in general be responsible for all League Affairs.
- f. Shall be the highest-ranking officer of the League and, in that capacity, shall represent the League in all formal affairs.
- g. Shall be responsible, with the assistance of the Vice President, for rescheduling postponed games.
- h. Shall appoint all Ad Hoc committees.

2. Vice President

- a. Shall take the Presidents place in case of absence.
- b. Shall carry out all duties assigned by the President.
- c. Shall be responsible for assigning officials to all League games.
- d. Shall be the League's representative with the referee's Association with 2 members of the Executive Board selected by the Executive Board, shall participate in all negotiations with that organization.
- e. Shall be responsible, with the assistance of the President, for rescheduling postponed games.
- f. Shall be responsible for compiling the league standings and records from the Referee's Reports and Game Cards.

3. First Vice President

- a. Shall carry out all duties assigned by the President.
- b. Shall be one of the 2 League representatives at the CSAN Board of Directors Meetings.
- c. Shall chair the League's Disciplinary Board.
- d. Shall assume the duties of the First Vice President in his absence.

4. Second Vice President

- a. Shall carry out all duties assigned by the President.
 - b. Shall assume the duties of the First Vice President in his absence.
5. Secretary
 - a. Shall keep all official records of the league.
 - b. Shall keep all minutes of the Executive Board, General Membership, and AGM meetings.
 - c. Shall take care of the correspondence upon the President's request.
 - d. Shall cooperate closely with the President in setting the League's game schedule and arraigining any other games and activities as necessary.
 - e. Shall be responsible for notifying the Membership and Executive Board of Executive of membership, AGM, and Executive Board meetings.
6. Treasurer
 - a. Shall make all bank deposits
 - b. Shall provide the membership with written financial reports at all Executive Board, Membership, and AGM meetings or when its otherwise requested.
 - c. Shall cosign all checks
 - d. Shall prepare the League's annual budget.
 - e. Shall be responsible for arranging payments of all the league's financial obligations.
 - f. Shall participate in all negotiations with the Referee Association.

Section B. The Executive Board shall take any of the following actions regarding teams with delinquent League Fees.

1. Withhold player registration materials from teams who fail to pay their League's fees by deadline established by the Executive Board, until such fees are paid.
2. Suspend from League competition teams who fail to pay their League fees by deadline established by the Executive Board, until such fees are paid.
3. Require League fees and fines to be paid to the League in cash, cashier's check, or money order under the following circumstances:
 - a. When payments are made by a team who has a history of writing bad checks, as determined by the Executive Board.
 - b. Under extraordinary circumstances, the Executive Board may consider a Member's written appeal regarding actions taken against the team for not paying league fees or fines on time.

Section C. Disciplinary Board

1. The Disciplinary Board shall meet as need during the season, starting from the second week of the season.
2. It shall be the duty of this Board to conduct a hearing in all cases where a player is sent off the field. Such a player shall be given a hearing before the Disciplinary Board. The Board shall impose a disciplinary measure which is, in the Disciplinary Board's opinion, appropriate for the offense.
3. All hearings requested by teams will have a \$50.00 fee non-refundable.

Article II

Laws of the Game

Section A: Games shall be played as called for by the schedules made by the League. The schedules will be made up in advance for the entire season.

Section B. The failure of any member to participate in (3) scheduled league games shall be suspended for the remainder of the season.

Section C. No new teams shall be allowed to join after the 2nd scheduled league game has been played. In case a team withdraws from the active competition at play, all statistics up to date shall remain the same and all future matches forfeited with a score of 2-0, leaving the original schedule to continue until the end of regular season play.

Section D. Postponed games will be rescheduled by the Vice President with the assistance of the President. The League shall notify each team manager at least (5) days in advance of such scheduled games.

Section E. The time for the start of all League games shall be arranged by the Executive Board. Only the traveling team shall be given a fifteen (15) minute grace period.

Section F. No team shall agree to change a scheduled game without the permission of the President and his designee.

Section G. When a team is awarded a forfeit for any reason, the opposing team will be awarded a win, unless the opposing team has been awarded a forfeit.

- If a game cannot be finished (forfeit) score shall remain as is keeping the highest score on the referee's report, (example: 5-3) score stays as is.... The team forfeiting shall receive a 1 point deduction and a \$75 dollar fee, unless the games score..... Is 1-1 or a 2-1, then the score goes to 2-0.

Section H. Positions in the standings shall be determined by the number of points to the credit of each team at the end of the season. A win shall count three (3) points, a tie one point and a loss or forfeit no points. If two or more teams are tied in total points for the League Championship, a playoff will decide the winner. All other positions will be decided by goal differential. If, on the basis of goal differential, the league cannot determine which team or teams should be relegated to the next lower division, a playoff shall decide which team or teams shall be relegated.

Section I. All games shall be governed by the official soccer rules of the United States Soccer Federation.

Section J. If a playoff game results in a tie at the end of regulation time, two overtime periods of fifteen minutes each shall be played. If no goals are scored in overtime, the game shall be decided by penalty kicks (kicks from the mark) in accordance with FIFA rules.

Section K. No player shall be eligible to participate in a league game or playoff game unless he was registered with his team for three (3) regular season games prior to the end of the regular season. A bye does not count as a regular league game. No player shall be eligible to transfer from one team to another new team outside the transfer window.

Section L. All teams shall wear uniforms which consist of a jersey, shorts, and knee-length socks which reflect their primary team colors, as registered with the League's Secretary. In case both teams have similarly colored jerseys (not distinguishable by the referee), the home team must change. After registering colors with the league's secretary, a team must obtain permission from the Executive Board to change colors; all teams must play in jerseys that are numbered. Numbers must be visible on the back of the jersey and must be at least 8 inches in height. Each player must have a difference number. The goalie is required to have a number.

Section M. A maximum of 13 substitute players shall be allowed at any time during the game.

1. This includes regular and overtime periods.
2. Substitutes must report to the Referee before being allowed to participate.
3. A maximum of 24 individual players shall be allowed during a game by each team. These players may be substituted freely.
4. A player ordered off the field of play by the Referee may not be replaced.
5. Substitutions may be done at any stoppage with the referee's permission.

Section N. No team may start a game with less than seven players. Teams having seven or more players in uniform at game time must start at the order of the referee.

Section O. Persons not participating in the game are not permitted on the field during playing time.

Section Q. The home team shall provide sufficient balls for the game which shall conform to regulations.

Section R. The League shall compensate game officials.

Section T. Referees must be licensed by the United States Soccer Federation.

Section U. Both teams and particularly club officers are responsible for the safety of game officials.

Section V. A team must be held responsible for the conduct of its players.

Section X. The following bylaw violations are cause for the game to be forfeited.

1. Failure to pay fees or fines on time.
2. Failure to field a team of seven or more players when called upon by the referee.
3. Playing an ineligible player.
4. Failure to change jerseys when called upon by the referee.
5. Playing more than 24 players.
6. Registering more than 24 players.
7. Causing a game to be stopped before completion, no goal mercy.
8. Failure to control their respective team crowds and/or crowding the team benches with individuals not presenting a team/player pass. (a maximum of 3 registered team managers may be present at 1 time in the team's benches).
9. Other situations where the executive board feels it is in the best interest of the game and are not mentioned in these bylaws.

Section Y. The following Bylaws violations are cause for a team to be fined:

1. All items in section X
2. Failure to attend meetings

3. Not having uniforms in compliance with the Bylaws.
4. Failure to provide correct lineup card to the referee on time.
5. Failure to provide regulation game balls.
6. Any item which the Disciplinary and/or Executive Board feels is not in the best interest of the game.

Article III

Players

Section A. All players must be registered with CSAN and must sign in on the proper forms provided by the USSF and USASA.

Section B. Each team may register as many as (24) players and may not have more than that number on its roster at any time. New players may be added to each team's roster provided the total number does not exceed 24. Any player a team wishes to remove from the team must be released using the USASA release form.

Section C. No player shall be permitted to participate in any game unless he is in possession and presents a current registration card to the referee. Unless a prior commitment has been arranged thru C-SAN and the league registrar.

Section D. No player may be registered with more than one team in the League at the same time. Any player who registers to play in a team with the League without securing his release from another team in which he is currently registered shall become ineligible and forfeits his right to play in this League.

Section E. The referee shall hold all player passes delivered to him by the players and substitutes when entering the game. At the conclusion of the game, the Referee shall return all player passes except those of ejected players, which shall be mailed to the Chair of the Leagues Disciplinary Board.

Section F. A player desiring to play with another team, after securing written release from the manager, is eligible to play with any other team as soon as he has his new registration card.

Article IV

Hearing and Suspension of Players

Any player banished from a game by the Referee, or who receives three (3) yellow cards during the League season, shall be automatically suspended for one League game, or until he appears before the Disciplinary Board. He may waive this appearance if he is willing to accept the decision of the Board. The Referee's retaining a player pass shall be sufficient notice to a team that the player will face disciplinary action.

1. If a Referee ejects a player from further participation in a game, the Referee shall submit a detailed report on the official "Referee's 72 hours report". This report shall be postmarked no later than twelve o'clock noon of the day following.
2. The Disciplinary hearing shall be in accordance with USSF Bylaws.

3. Only games scheduled by the League or by the State or National Association will count towards fulfillment of player or team suspension.
4. A disciplined player or his club has the right to appeal to CSAN. The appeal can be made only after a final decision is received from the League's Disciplinary Board.

Article V

Protest and Appeals

Section A. All protests must be made in writing and lodged with the League Secretary within three (3) days after the game being protested. All protests shall be handled by the Executive Board.

Section B. Protest may not be made upon any decision made by the Referee on a point of play.

Section C. Protests regarding the amateur standing and eligibility of a player must be made to CSAN.

Section D. Each protest must be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$50.00

Section E. In the event a team gives notice to the Referee that the game is being protested, that team needs to write a note on the game card at the end of the game, and within 72 Hrs. of that game ending send an official protest on writing to the E-Board

Section F. After being notified of a Disciplinary Board decision, a player or team has the right to appeal thoroughly the team's representative. The appealing party must:

1. Write to the Secretary of the League within seven (7) days of receiving the Disciplinary Board's decision stating the reasons for appeal.
2. Refer exclusively to the offense under consideration and include evidence of the circumstances of the incident and any mitigating factors not previously known to the Disciplinary Board. If, in the opinion of the Executive Board, an appeal has been submitted for frivolous or unsustainable reasons, the appealing party may be required to pay an administrative charge to cover the costs to the league.

Section G. The Executive Board will notify the appealing party, in writing of its decision on the appeal.

Section H. If the appealing party does not accept the Executive Board's final ruling, the team may appeal to CSAN. For more detailed information regarding the CSAN's appeal procedures Members may contact CSAN directly at 1348 Silver Avenue, San Francisco, CA or by phone at (415) 467-1881.

Article VI

Suspension of Members

Section A. By a majority vote of the League Members, any Member may be expelled from the League or suspended for such time and under such conditions as the League Members may determine, if such Member has failed to conduct himself in an honorable manner in the prosecution of League activities, has conducted himself in a manner detrimental to the best interest of the League, or has calculated to bring the League and any of its Members into ill repute. The conduct of players comprising a Member team during playing shall be deemed to be the conduct of that Member team.

Section B. Before any expulsion or suspension shall be ordered, a written statement of the charges shall be delivered to the Member team together with notice of the time and place of the meeting of the League at which time such charges are to be heard. Notice of the meeting and a statement of charges shall be sent by registered mail to the Member team in care of an officer of, or delegate representing, such a team at least seven (7) days prior to such meeting.

Section C. If the Member is suspended or expelled after such hearing, he may appeal to the League for reinstatement by filing an appeal with the Secretary within ten (10) days after he is notified for his suspension or expulsion. If said appeal is denied or is not acted upon, within fifteen days (15) after such denial or failure to act upon same, the Member may appeal to the CSAN, of which this League is a Member. The CSAN shall have the right to affirm, modify, or reverse the decisions made by the league as to such suspension or expulsion. An appeal may be taken in the matter by either party from the decision of the CSAN to the United States Soccer Federation.

Section D. No Member shall bring any action at law or in equity against the League until and unless he has exhausted all rights, remedies and appeals granted to him by the Constitution and Bylaws of the League or of the CSAN or of the United States Soccer Federation. If a member brings any such action before having exhausted such rights, remedies and appeals that Member agrees that the court before which such action is pending may allow the League as costs attorney fees it has incurred in the successful defense of such action.

Section E. After investigation, the League shall have the authority to suspend the playing privileges of the team or Member if a Referee's report is filed charging the team with being guilty, in his opinion, of unsportsmanlike conduct and stating forth the facts constituting the same. Such suspension may be made immediately upon receipt of such report by the League and without other notice of hearing, providing that such suspension shall not stand for more than (10) days charges are filed against Member whose team has been suspended arising out of said incident or incidents. If charges are filed, the team shall be suspended until such charges are heard and finally determined. All Members recognized the necessity of providing for such immediate suspension to prevent the development of playing condition which will tend to disrupt the League and interfere with other teams engaging in soccer competition.

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