

Stoughton Youth Soccer League

BY-LAWS

PREAMBLE

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Stoughton Youth Soccer League shall be set forth in these Articles of Organization of the League and shall include the following, unless contrary to the laws of Massachusetts.

The Stoughton Youth Soccer League shall promote soccer Sportsmanship, fun, socialization and team work within the town of Stoughton, in Massachusetts and surrounding towns. This shall include education of the youth and their parents in the rules of the game of Soccer as declared by local, regional, national and international organizations to which the Stoughton Youth Soccer League may belong or be affiliated with.

ARTICLE I

ORGANIZATION

- Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the STOUGHTON YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE and is hereafter referred to as the League.
- Section 2. The facilities operated by the Stoughton Youth Soccer League are the Manfred Kolz Soccer Fields located on West Street in Stoughton.
- Section 3. The members shall be defined as the parents/guardians of properly registered participants of the League during any season in the fiscal year and those persons in the League coaching in any season of the fiscal year.
- Section 4. The term of the member shall be determined by fiscal year.
- Section 5. Each member of the League shall be qualified to vote on any issue that may properly come before the membership of the League at the annual meeting.
- Section 6. The fiscal year of the League shall end July 31 of each year.
- Section 7. The annual meeting of the League shall be held on the third Wednesday of June of each year, at such hour and place as shall be designated in the notice of meeting. The business conducted at such annual meeting shall consist of the introduction of the new Executive Board members. Installation of the new consecutive board takes place on the first meeting in August.
- Section 8. Special meetings of the League will be called by the President at the request, in writing, of ten (10) membership representatives (See Article II Section 9) or 10 members (as defined in Article I, Section 3). Notice of and purpose for such meeting shall be communicated not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of such special meeting. At such meetings, the only business, which may be transacted upon, is that which is referred to in the notice of the meeting.
- Section 9. An Audit Committee made up of 2 members by the Executive Board shall also be responsible for the coordination of an annual outside review of the finances of the League by an independent and non-affiliated CPA Firm.
- Section 10. No member of the Board of Directors shall profit from the business of, or interaction with, the League.

ARTICLE II

DIRECTORS

- Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Executive Board and five (5) at large members.
- Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be nominated by the membership and such nominations shall be recorded by a three (3) member nominating committee designated for such purpose and shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3. The five (5) member Executive Board shall be elected by a majority vote of registered members and serve for a period of one (1) year, except for the registrar and president who shall serve for a period of two (2) years.
- Section 4. The five (5) Executive Board positions shall be restricted to a three (3) year consecutive term limit, except for the registrar and president which shall be a six (6) year consecutive term limit.
- Section 5. A general election shall be held on the first Sunday of June every year prior to the end of the fiscal year for the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar and five (5) at-large positions.
- Section 6. The Executive Board shall consist of no less than five (5) officers as follows: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Registrar. No officer shall hold more than one position at a time.
- Section 7. The five (5) at large members shall be elected by a majority vote of registered members election, and serve for a period of one (1) year. In the event there are not enough nominations for the at large members, the Executive Board shall appoint members to those positions.
- Section 8. The five (5) at-large positions shall be restricted to a six (6) year consecutive term limit.
- Section 9. The Membership Representatives shall consist of one coach and one player/parent representative from each team. The player/parent representative shall be chosen by the parents of said team under the direction of the coach with guidelines as documented by the Board of Directors, and will act as liaisons between the members and the Board of Directors.

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- Section 10. The annual meeting of the League shall be held on the third Wednesday in June of each calendar year.
- Section 11. Supplemental meetings to the regular monthly meetings may be held as needed, as decided upon at the regular monthly meeting.
- Section 12. Special meetings of the-Board of Directors may be held at the call of the President of the League and at such meetings only business may be transacted as indicated in the notice of the meeting.
- Section 13. Thirty (30) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual meeting.
- Section 14. A two thirds (2/3) majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the regular monthly meetings.
- Section 15. Monthly meetings shall be regularly held once a month, whereby regular league business shall be discussed and transacted. The location of the meetings shall be announced publicly, and as posted in the newspaper/web sight/announced at the field. These monthly meetings shall be open to all members. The typical order of the meeting shall be as follows:
1. Roll call
 2. Reading of minutes of the preceding meeting unless waived
 3. Reports of officers and committees
 4. Unfinished business
 5. Special reports
 6. New business
 7. Adjournment
- Section 16. Any questions as to parliamentary rules shall be determined by applicable provisions of Robert's Rules of Order.
- Section 17. The Board of Directors of the League shall have the power to adopt by appropriate measure, in accordance with these by-laws, all rules, and regulations necessary to insure a high quality of sportsmanlike conduct, establish and appoint referees and judges to supervise all League games, a pointed soccer coach education director select coaches and provide a game and practice schedule for each team and team member duly registered to participate in the activities of the STOUGHTON Youth Soccer League. Further the Board of Directors of the League shall have the power to discipline any team, player, coach or referee being proved to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors to have been guilty of a violation of the laws of the game, the rules and by-laws of this League, or any other misconduct detrimental to the game or the STOUGHTON Youth Soccer League. Each member of the Board of Directors prime responsibility is to the safety and

well being of the players. Any member of the Board of Directors who is approached with a complaint relative to a coach (whether written or oral), must bring the complaint to the attention of the division coordinator, president and vice- president.

- Section 18. In the best interest of the League and by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board of Directors, the members of the Board of Directors may remove from its membership any individual for good cause. The Board of Directors in attendance at any regularly scheduled board meeting are empowered to relieve any board member of their seat should the member be absent three (3) consecutive board meetings or any four (4) meetings in a one-year period. The member will be put on notice, in writing, by the League President, after the second consecutive month's absence or the third absence in one year. If the member is not in attendance at the next scheduled board meeting (after given notice) the Board of Directors, with or without a board quorum, may relieve the member of their seat on the board.
- Section 19. The members, directors or officers of the League shall not be personally liable for any debt, liability or obligation of the League. All persons, leagues or other entities extending credit to, contracting with, or having any claim against the League may look only to the funds and property of the League for the payment of any such contract or claim, or for the payment of any debt, damages, judgment or decree, or of any money that may otherwise become due or payable to them from the League.
- Section 20. Resignation by a member of the Board of Directors shall be presented in writing to the Board of Directors at the next monthly meeting.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

- Section 1. The officers of the League, known as the Executive Board, shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Registrar. These officers shall be elected by the members of the League.
- Section 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the League. He/she shall oversee the appointment of coordinators by the Executive Board as established in Article II, Section 6 and 7. The President shall coordinate the work of the Executive Board and Assigned committees of the League in order that the Purpose may be promoted.
- Section 3. The Treasurer shall receive commitment checks from the registrar, collect and disburse funds as operational necessity dictates, manage bank accounts as necessary, keep records of receipts and expenditures of the league, render statement of financial condition on a monthly basis, assist any approved fund raising committee, and assist the President in his duties.
- Section 4. The Vice President shall succeed to the powers of the President in his/her absence. The Vice President shall schedule all League games before the beginning of the Season, and shall have full power to schedule or reschedule postponed games. The Vice-President shall perform such other duties and render such assistance as may be directed by the President.
- Section 5. The Secretary shall keep the records of and send notices of all meetings. The Secretary shall be responsible for meeting minutes and other member communications.
- Section 6. The Registrar shall be responsible for maintaining player records and determine age groups in which players participate. Registration applications shall be received ONLY by the registrar. Applications will not be considered delivered to or accepted by the league until in the hands of the registrar. The Registrar shall also coordinate player registration for the spring and fall programs, deliver all registration fees and accurate records to the Treasurer, ensure that all players are legal and of proper age before players or teams are allowed to participate in any travel league or intramural games, and ensure timely submission of rosters for spring travel teams to the South Shore League Registrar.

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- Section 7. Other Powers and Duties. Each Officer of the League shall, in addition to the duties and powers specifically set forth in these by-laws, have such other duties and powers as the League from time to time designates or authorizes by vote of the Board of Directors.
- Section 8. Vacancies. In case a vacancy occurs in any elective office of the League after the Annual meeting, the unexpired term may be filled by a majority vote of those Directors (i.e. Board of Directors as defined in Article II Section 1) present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the League from nominations presented by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Those members wishing to amend or change these by-laws must first submit a written proposal of said amendments or changes to the Secretary of the League. It is the responsibility of the Secretary of the League to publish to all members at least two months in advance before said amendments or changes can be put to a vote before the members during a regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors. Any amendment or change to the by-laws must be passed by a vote of t thirds of the members. A quorum of the executive board must be present at any meeting when a vote is taken to amend or change the by-laws.

ARTICLE V

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Section 1. The policies and procedures under the headings listed below shall be clearly defined and established by the Board of Directors and shall be revised on occasion to meet the existing needs of the League.

- A. The operation of the Snack Bar
- B. Maintenance of Fields and grounds
- C. Game rules for various age groups
- D. Referees rights pertaining to coach and parent behavior
- E. Players code of conduct
- F. Coaches code of conduct
- G. Parents code of conduct.
- H. Policies on the property such as no smoking, no dogs, parking, no golfing, no alcohol consumption