

## **MADISON AREA SOCCER REFEREE UNIT**

### **CONSTITUTION**

#### Article I: Name

This organization shall be known as the Madison Area Soccer Referee Unit (hereinafter referred to as the Unit) and shall be in affiliation with the State Referee Committee (SRC) under the jurisdiction of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association (WYSA), the Wisconsin Soccer League (WSL) and the United States Soccer Federation (USSF). The official colors of the Unit shall be black and white.

#### Article II: Purpose

SECTION 1. To enforce the rules or Laws of the Game in an efficient and unbiased manner during all matches at which members of the Unit officiate.

SECTION 2. To promote and protect the game of soccer through efficient and unbiased officiating.

SECTION 3. To function as an official organization in affiliation with the SRC under the jurisdiction of the WYSA and the WSL.

SECTION 4. To improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Unit members in their role as soccer officials.

SECTION 5. To function as an organization of soccer officials registered with the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA).

SECTION 6. To function as an organization of soccer officials registered with the National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association (NISOA).

#### Article III: Membership

SECTION 1. Membership of this Unit shall be comprised of all referees registered by the USSF and sanctioned by the WYSA and the WSL and who wish to officiate WYSA and/or WSL sanctioned soccer matches in the Madison, Wisconsin area and such other soccer officials

registered with WIAA or NISOA who shall meet Unit requirements not required by USSF, WYSA, or WSL.

SECTION 2. All members of the Unit shall be subject to the orders, rulings, and decisions of the Unit. Members registered with WIAA or NISOA shall also be subject to the orders, rulings, and decisions of WIAA NISOA and members registered with USSF shall be subject to the orders, rulings, and decisions of USSF, WYSA, or WSL.

SECTION 3. A Unit member may be a member, manager and/or coach of the WYSA or WSL affiliated soccer club or team unless such membership impairs the individual's performance as a soccer official or Unit Member or unless sanction for this Section is removed by the SRC, WYSA, or WSL.

SECTION 4. To qualify for membership of the Unit, candidates must successfully complete requirements for registration as a referee set by USSF, WIAA, or NISOA.

SECTION 5. Failure to pay annual dues shall constitute withdrawal of membership without notice.

#### Article IV: Annual Dues and Fees

SECTION 1. For members designated by USSF, the annual unit dues shall be \$30.00. Dues are collected annually at the registration or recertification clinic which the referee attends. For all other members, the annual unit dues shall be \$15.00.

SECTION 2. Eligibility to vote at the annual meeting shall extend only to those whose dues, fees and any other amounts owing to the Unit are paid in full.

#### Article V: Amendments to the Constitution

SECTION 1. Except for changes necessitated by new policies or rules adopted by the SRC, WYSA, WSL, or the USSF, this Constitution may be amended only at the annual meeting of the Unit.

SECTION 2. An amendment to this Constitution shall be made only if supported by two-thirds of the members in good standing and present and voting at the annual meeting of the Unit.

## Article VI: Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Unit shall be held in August or as soon thereafter as is practicable at which time the officers of the Unit shall be elected and amendments to this Constitution shall be considered.

## Article VII: Officers

SECTION 1. The officers of the Unit shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

SECTION 2. The officers of the Unit shall be elected by a secret ballot at the annual meeting.

SECTION 3. The term of office for all Officers of the Unit shall be for the period between annual meetings. Officers shall be eligible for re-election.

SECTION 4. The President may call meetings of the Unit at any time if petitioned by a majority of the members of the Unit.

SECTION 5. The President of the Unit shall preside at all meetings, examine and approve or reject all bills and invoices against the Unit, appoint committees and representatives of the Unit to other bodies, and submit reports on the operations of the Unit.

SECTION 6. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in his absence.

SECTION 7. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Unit and of the Executive Board, attend to all correspondence, maintain the records of the Unit, and complete and correct list of all Unit members.

SECTION 8. The Treasurer shall collect all dues, fees, fines, assessments and other income, have charge of all property of the Unit, pay all bills against the Unit approved by the President and keep a detailed account of all Unit income and expenditures.

SECTION 9. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall each be paid an honorarium of \$100 per annum and \$100 per annum for the Webmaster at the annual meeting after satisfactorily completing his or her term of office. Each of the positions may also be reimbursed up to \$100 for expenses accrued in carrying out the business of the Unit.

SECTION 10. The elected officers, the administrator and not more than three (3) other members may be appointed by the President with the consent of the Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall comprise the Executive Board of the Unit.

## Article VIII: Elections

SECTION 1. Any member wishing to run for a full term of office must be present at the annual meeting to accept nomination or must inform the Secretary before the meeting of their willingness to serve in each or any specific office.

SECTION 2. The nomination and election of the Officers of the Unit shall take place at the annual meeting. All nominations must be made and accepted at the annual meeting. Contested elections of Officers shall be by secret ballot among the members in good standing present at the annual meeting.

SECTION 3. The order of nomination and election of the Officers of the Unit shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Nominations for and the election of each officer shall be completed in this order. Should more than two candidates be nominated for any office and no candidates receive a majority of the votes cast, all candidates except the two receiving the highest number of votes shall be eliminated and a runoff election shall be held between these two candidates. The candidates receiving the majority of the votes cast in the runoff election shall assume office.

SECTION 4. When the election of Unit Officers is held in the order prescribed, an eligible member of the Unit may accept nomination for more than one office; however no member may hold more than one elective office in the Executive Board.

SECTION 5. Whenever a vacancy of office occurs, the President shall appoint a temporary replacement until the next scheduled meeting, at which time an election will be held to fill the balance of the unexpired term.

## Article IX: Powers of Administration

SECTION 1. The highest tribunal shall be the membership assembled at all authorized meetings.

SECTION 2. The Executive Board shall be empowered to represent the Unit between meetings whenever urgent business requires prompt and decisive action. The Executive Board's actions are subject to disapproval by the Unit by a simple majority vote of members present and voting at the Unit meeting.

SECTION 3. Between meetings of the Executive Board, the highest authority in the Unit shall be vested in the President, whose actions shall be subject to approval or ratification of the Executive Board or the Unit membership at their next regular meeting.