

# PIERCE COUNTY SOCCER ASSOCIATION

## CONSTITUTION

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### **ARTICLE 1 - NAME AND DURATION:**

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be Pierce County Soccer Association, hereinafter referred to as PCSA, or the Association. PCSA is a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Washington. PCSA is nonsectarian and non-partisan.

Section 2: The duration of PCSA shall be perpetual.

### **ARTICLE II - PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES:**

Section 1: The purposes of PCSA are educational, and include the following:

- A. To teach and develop a "love of the game" of soccer among our youth.
- B. To teach, train, and develop players, coaches, and administrators for the game of soccer.
- C. To teach and develop through the game of soccer, sportsmanship, physical health,

mental alertness, and fair competition.

Section 2: The objectives of PCSA are:

- A. To develop, promote the game of soccer among affiliated clubs within the boundaries of PCSA.
- B. To establish an administration to govern and direct the functions, operations, business, and all activities of this Association.
- C. To encourage interested volunteer adult leadership to share their time and effort in behalf of the program, and to offer **encouragement** in this regard.
- D. To provide a vehicle through which juveniles may expand their education and knowledge of the game of soccer beyond that which each might do individually.
- E. To provide a program of well-organized, **non-competitive and** competitive, athletics helping to develop the physical, emotional, and social stability of the juveniles participating.
- F. To establish uniform **Policy and Procedures** for Youth Soccer competition in this Association which are best suited to its own particular needs, giving full recognition to and being in accord with the underlying and basic principles set forth by F.I.F.A. **Policy and Procedures** established with particular recognition of safety, physical and emotional needs of our youth.
- G. To develop the game in non-affiliated areas within the Association boundaries.
- H. To represent this Association in all matters of organized Youth Soccer in Washington State.

### **ARTICLE III – JURISDICTION:**

Section 1: The PCSA shall have jurisdiction over all its member youth soccer organizations, i.e., Clubs, players, coaches, and all youth and adult associated individuals within the boundaries of the Association.

### **ARTICLE IV – AFFILIATION:**

Section 1: The PCSA shall be affiliated with **Washington Youth Soccer (VVYS)**, an affiliate of United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), a division of United States Soccer Federation (USSF).

### **ARTICLE V - FINANCIAL POLICY:**

Section 1: The PCSA is and shall be a non-profit organization.

Section 2: Each member organization desiring its own separate non-profit status (registered charitable organization) must obtain it independently from the State of Washington and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

## **ARTICLE VI - ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY:**

Section 1: The PCSA Executive Board and the Board of Directors shall be governed by its Constitution and Bylaws, except when these are superseded by those of **WYS**.

Section 2: The PCSA Executive Board and Board of Directors shall have the authority from time to time to issue policies or instructions necessary to interpret, clarify, or further define its Constitution, Bylaws, and **Policy and Procedures**.

## **ARTICLE VII – MEMBERSHIP:**

Section 1: The membership of the PCSA shall consist of incorporated and unincorporated organizations engaged in youth soccer within the jurisdiction of the PCSA which agree to be bound by the Constitution, Bylaws, and **Policy and Procedures** of the PCSA, and which shall be admitted to membership in accordance with the Bylaws of the PCSA.

## **ARTICLE VIII – ADMINISTRATION:**

Section 1: The governing authority of the PCSA shall be vested with the Board of Directors,

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall be composed of the Executive Board and the Club Representatives.

Section 3: The Executive Board consists of the elected officers of the PCSA and the Registration and Game Chairperson. These shall be:

- President
- 1st Vice-President
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Section 4: The Club Representatives consist of one Representative from each affiliated Member Club. These shall be elected or appointed **by** each Clubs' governing document.

Section 5: PCSA shall be administered according to its Constitution, Bylaws, and Policy and Procedures.

## **ARTICLE X – MEETINGS:**

Section 1: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the PCSA shall be held for the primary purpose of electing the Executive Board.

A. The secondary purpose is to consider amendments to the Constitution.

B. Other business of PCSA may be conducted at the AGM.

Section 2: Meeting of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board are considered business meetings and shall be called as defined in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE XI -PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY:**

Section 1: All meetings of the PCSA shall be conducted using the current edition of "Roberts Rules of Order" as a guide.

**ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS:**

Section 1: Proposed changes or amendments to the Constitution can only be effected at the AGM.

Section 2: Such proposed changes or amendments must be made in writing to the PCSA Secretary at least 60 days prior to the AGM at which they are to be acted upon.

Section 3: The PCSA Secretary shall notify each Member Club at least 45 days prior to the AGM by **communicating** copies of such proposed changes or amendments.

Section 4: All approved changes or amendments shall be included in the AGM Minutes, except where the length of said changes or amendments makes this obviously inappropriate. In all cases, the Secretary will, within 30 days, publish and distribute any changes or amendments in sufficient numbers to allow one copy for administrator of any level within the Association.

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