

# Aurora Minor Soccer League

We the undersigned, hereby declare that we desire to have a society incorporated under the *Societies Act* and that:

## CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Society is: Aurora Minor Soccer League.
2. The objects of the League are:
  - a. to foster, develop, promote and regulate the playing of youth soccer;
  - b. to conduct the game of soccer in the spirit of true sportsmanship;
  - c. to provide a safe and positive environment for the playing of soccer;
  - d. to promote and regulate play in the best interests of the player;
  - e. to establish and maintain relations with other like minded bodies;
  - f. to represent Yellowknife youth soccer on local, regional and territorial bodies.

The operations of the League are to be carried on in Yellowknife.

## BY-LAWS

### Membership:

1. (1) The parent or guardian of a child who is five to 18 years of age who is registered in the League is a member upon full payment of the registration fee.  
  
(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), unpaid volunteer referees, coaches and co-ordinators of League activities are members of the League.
2. Any other person or entity interested in the furtherance of the objects of the League is eligible for associate membership upon payment of an annual associate membership fee as determined by the Board of Directors. Associate members do not have voting rights.
3. (1) A member may withdraw from membership in the League by giving notice in writing to the Secretary.  
  
(2) Any member whose conduct is considered detrimental to the League may be expelled by a resolution passed by a majority of the directors.

### Meetings:

4. The annual general meeting of the League shall be held in June of each year.
5. General and special general meetings of the League shall be held at the call of the President.
6. A special general meeting of the League shall be held if so requested by 15 members of the League.
7. Notice of any general meeting shall
  - a) set forth the time, place and business to be transacted at the meeting;
  - b) be given at least 14 days prior to the date set for the meeting;

c) be effected by publication in one edition of the Yellowknifer or by posting in two public places in Yellowknife.

8. Ten members of the League shall constitute a quorum for any general meeting.

9. Each member is entitled to one vote on any motion or resolution at a general meeting.

10. (1) Voting at all general meetings of the League, except for the election of Directors, shall be conducted by a show of hands unless a simple majority of members present require a ballot vote on any motion or resolution.

(2) The Directors shall be elected at the annual general meeting.

### **Board of Directors**

11. The Board of Directors is responsible for conducting the affairs of the League in accordance with the objects, these By-laws and any Rules made under these By-laws.

12. A majority of the Directors constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Board of Directors.

13. Subject to article 29, the Directors or other officers shall not receive any remuneration.

14. The term of office of the Directors is one year.

15. The Directors may appoint a member to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors.

16. The Directors have the power to remove a Director by resolution supported by two-thirds of the Directors present and voting.

17. The Directors have the power to appoint persons to hold designated offices, for example division co-ordinators, a fundraising co-ordinator, a volunteer co-ordinator, and a media/communications co-ordinator. These persons shall be responsible to the Directors and shall not hold the designated offices beyond the next annual general meeting.

18. The Board of Directors consists of five voting members as follows:

a) President;

b) Vice-President;

c) Secretary;

d) Treasurer;

e) Registrar.

19. The President shall:

a) chair all meetings of the Board of Directors and all general meetings of the League;

b) sign all documents of the League that require his or her signature.

20. The Vice-President shall:

a) assume the President's duties in his or her absence;

b) oversee division co-ordinators;

c) assist the President in the discharge of his or her duties;

d) ensure effective communication between the Directors and the parents or guardians of players in the League.

21. The Secretary shall:

- a) take charge of the seal and all files, documents and effects of the League and make them available at any reasonable time for the inspection of any Director;
- b) record the minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors and general meetings of the League, and make them available at any reasonable time for the inspection of any member;
- c) prepare correspondence required in the operation of the League.

22. The Treasurer shall:

- a) serve as the financial officer of the League;
- b) take charge of all financial books, documents, or files of the League, and make them available at any reasonable time for the inspection of any Director;
- c) prepare, or arrange for the preparation of the financial statements of the League, and present the statements at the annual general meeting.

23. The Registrar shall:

- a) co-ordinate the registration of players in the League;
- b) provide a list of registrants to the division co-ordinators for each division;
- c) ensure that registrants have paid the applicable fees.

### **Fiscal Year and Finances**

- 24. The fiscal year of the League commences on May 1<sup>st</sup> in one year and ends on April 30<sup>th</sup> in the following year.
- 25. All cheques drawn against the funds of the League shall be signed by the Treasurer and by one other Director. All monies shall be deposited to the League's account in a chartered bank located in Yellowknife.
- 26. The Board of Directors is responsible for the effective operation of the League and may, by resolution, authorize the borrowing of funds for this purpose. The Board of Directors may borrow funds for capital expenditure on the authority of a resolution supported by two-thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting.
- 27. The accounts of the League shall not be audited unless the Board of Directors, by resolution, directs that the accounts shall be audited and appoints an auditor for that purpose.

### **Seal**

- 28. The Seal of the League shall consist of the word "SEAL" in a circle formed by the words "AURORA MINOR SOCCER LEAGUE". The Seal shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary and shall not be affixed to any instrument or document except by

authority of a resolution of the Board of Directors and in the presence of the Secretary and at least one other Director.

### **Distribution of Assets**

29. The League shall not distribute any part of its income to any of its members. This does not preclude the payment of reasonable salaries or employee benefits, nor does it preclude the reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. On a winding-up of the League, all remaining assets shall be distributed among Canadian charities registered pursuant to the *Income Tax Act*.

### **Alteration of By-laws:**

30. These By-laws may be amended by

a) a resolution of a majority of the members present and voting at an annual general meeting;

b) an extraordinary resolution at a special general meeting;

provided that a notice of the proposed amendment has been included in the notice of the general meeting 14 days in advance of the meeting.

31. (1) The Board of Directors may make Rules respecting

- a. the maximum number of players eligible to register in each division;
- b. duties and responsibilities of coaches, players, and parents/guardians
- c. discipline of players and coaches
- d. registration and withdrawal fees, and such other fees and charges as are related to the operation of the League;
- e. any other matter related to the operation of the League.

(2) A Rule made by the Board of Directors has effect only until the end of the next general meeting of the League following the making of the Rule, unless the Rule is confirmed by a resolution at that general meeting.

32. The League may make or amend any Rule at a general meeting, provided that a notice of the proposed Rule or the proposed amendment has been included in the notice of the meeting 14 days in advance of the meeting.

33. Subject to any amendments made by the League, the Arctic Winter Games indoor soccer rules shall be used for all indoor soccer games sanctioned by the League.

### **Transitional**

34. Until the first annual general meeting, the Directors consist of the subscribers to the application and By-laws