

2019 Bylaw Consultation

Amendments will be considered at the Annual General Meeting March 21, 2020

Current Article	Amendment	Rationale
3.1.5 Admission to the SSA as a Life Member is open to natural persons that: c) are approved by a majority (50%+1) of the voting delegates at the Annual General Meeting.	3.1.5 Admission to the SSA as a Life Member is open to natural persons that: c) are approved by a majority (50%+1) of the voting delegates at the Annual General Meeting.	CLARIFICATION: A majority vote is the fundamental requirement to pass a motion and simply stated means more than half; this is not always the same as a vote that is determined by 50%+ 1: E.g. 31 total votes Majority = 16 votes 50% + 1 = 16.5+1 = 17 votes
5.4.7 Voting at the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting shall be by a show of hands. A secret ballot may be held if requested by a majority (50%+1) of the Members at the meeting.	5.4.7 Voting at the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting shall be by a show of hands. A secret ballot may be held if requested by a majority (50%+1) of the Members at the meeting.	NOTE: Some of these Articles related to 50%+1 will be re re-numbered as specified in amendments occurring later in this document.
5.4.8 At the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting, all votes shall be decided by a majority (50%+1) of the voting delegates, unless otherwise specified in these By-laws or required by law.	5.4.8 At the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting, all votes shall be decided by a majority (50%+1) of the voting delegates, unless otherwise specified in these By-laws or required by law.	
6.2.12 Where a vacancy occurs on the Board as a result of the death, resignation, retirement or removal of a Director, or where a Board vacancy has not been filled as a result of an election, the Nominations Committee may nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy, and who, pending approval of the Board, shall serve as Director until the next Annual General Meeting; the nominee shall be elected by the Board by a majority (50%+1) vote.	6.2.12 Where a vacancy occurs on the Board as a result of the death, resignation, retirement or removal of a Director, or where a Board vacancy has not been filled as a result of an election, the Nominations Committee may nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy, and who, pending approval of the Board, shall serve as Director until the next Annual General Meeting; the nominee shall be elected by the Board by a majority (50%+1) vote.	
6.2.14 Where a vacancy occurs as a result of the death, resignation, retirement or removal of the Vice President, or where the Vice President assumes the position of	6.2.14 Where a vacancy occurs as a result of the death, resignation, retirement or removal of the Vice President, or where the Vice President assumes the position of	



Formal Complaints and Discipline processes of the SSA and the Disciplinary Code of CANADA SOCCER.	Formal Complaints and Discipline Judicial Processes of the SSA and the Disciplinary Code of CANADA SOCCER.	Formal Complaints, Discipline and Appeals policies individually and collectively now referred to as Judicial Processes.
New Article 4.1.3	4.1.3 Members may be suspended pending a hearing for allegations of misconduct as outlined in the SSA Formal Complaints Policy.	Supports the existing authority of SSA to suspend Members without a hearing for serious infractions such as Assault of a Match Official or Organizer, Abuse of a Minor, Misconduct of a Match Official.
4.2 Expulsion of a Member 4.2.1 A Member, following the recommendations of a Discipline Process, may be expelled from Membership, if the Member fails to fulfill its financial obligations towards the SSA or its Member Organization, or the Member seriously or repeatedly violates the Code of Conduct, Conditions of Membership, Bylaws, Policies or directives of the SSA.	4.2 Expulsion of a Member 4.2.1 A Member, following the recommendations of a Discipline Process, may be expelled from Membership, if the Member: a) if the member fails to fulfill its financial obligations towards the SSA or its Member Organization; b) or the Member seriously or repeatedly violates the Code of Conduct, Conditions of Membership, Bylaws, Policies or directives of the SSA; c) is convicted of a criminal offence under the Criminal Code of Canada or any other domestic or international criminal statute: i. An individual who has been expelled based on a criminal conviction and who has received a pardon may apply for reinstatement.	Formatting To align with CSA Bylaws approved May 2019. To confirm that an individual who has received a pardon may apply for reinstatement.
5.2.5 The Annual General Meeting, once called to order with a quorum present, may continue even if during the meeting the number of voting delegates is reduced to less than a quorum.	Re-numbering: 5.4.5 removed and all information combined into new 5.2.5 with no Amendments to current wording 5.2.5 At the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting, a minimum of thirteen Regular Member Organizations must be present to constitute a quorum. a) Associate Members and Life	To amalgamate all reference to quorum into one article.



<p>5.4.5 At the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting, a minimum of thirteen Regular Member Organizations must be present to constitute a quorum.</p> <p>a) Associate Members and Life Members present at General Meetings shall not be counted in the quorum.</p>	<p>Members present at General Meetings shall not be counted in the quorum.</p> <p>b) The Annual General Meeting, once called to order with a quorum present, may continue even if during the meeting the number of voting delegates is reduced to less than a quorum.</p>	
<p>5.4.7 Voting at the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting shall be by a show of hands. A secret ballot may be held if requested by a majority (50%+1) of the Members at the meeting.</p>	<p>5.4.7 Voting at the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting shall be by a show of hands with the exception of elections which require voting by secret ballot.</p> <p>a) A secret ballot may be held if requested by a majority (50%+1) of the Members at the meeting.</p>	<p>Clarifies that elections will occur by secret ballot.</p>
<p>6.1.1 The Board of Directors shall consist of three Officers and nine other Directors.</p> <p>6.1.2 The Officers of the Board shall consist of the following: President, Vice-President and Past President.</p>	<p>6.1.1 The Board of Directors shall consist of three Officers twelve Directors. and nine other Directors.</p> <p>6.1.2 The Officers of the Board shall consist of the following: President, Vice-President and, when active, the Past President.</p>	<p>To clarify wording related to the makeup of the Board if the Past President is active or inactive.</p> <p>To clarify that the Past President is not always an active Director on the Board.</p>
<p>6.2.5 Election of the Directors shall generally proceed in accordance with the following schedule:</p> <p>a) In alternate years, the President and up to five Directors shall be elected, followed the next year by the election of the Vice-President and up to five Directors.</p>	<p>6.2.1 Election of the Directors shall generally proceed in accordance with the following schedule: a) In alternate years, with the President and up to five Directors shall be being elected, followed the next year by the election of the Vice-President and up to five Directors.</p>	<p>To improve the flow of article 6.2</p>
<p>6.2.1 The Board of Directors, except for the Past President, shall be elected annually by secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting</p> <p>6.2.12 Where a vacancy occurs on the Board as a result of the death, resignation, retirement or removal of a Director, or where a Board</p>	<p>6.2.2 The Board of Directors, except for the Past President, shall be elected annually by secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting with the following exceptions:</p> <p>6.2.2 a) Where a vacancy occurs on the Board as a result of the death, resignation, retirement or removal of a Director, or where a Board vacancy</p>	<p>To consolidate various articles into one to improve the flow and clarity.</p> <p>No change in wording</p>



<p>vacancy has not been filled as a result of an election, the Nominations Committee may nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy, and who, pending approval of the Board, shall serve as Director until the next Annual General Meeting; the nominee shall be elected by the Board by a majority (50%+1) vote.</p> <p>6.2.9 Directors may be elected to the Board at a Special General Meeting.</p>	<p>has not been filled as a result of an election, the Nominations Committee may nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy, and who, pending approval of the Board, shall serve as Director until the next Annual General Meeting; the nominee shall be elected by the Board by a majority (50%+1) vote.</p> <p>6.2.2 b) Directors may be elected to the Board at a Special General Meeting.</p> <p>i. Should elections occur at a Special General Meeting the terms of those elected shall match the length of terms remaining of those Directors who are being replaced.</p>	<p>No change in wording</p> <p>Specifies the length of term for Directors that are elected at a Special General Meeting, previously there was no reference to clarify this.</p>
	<p>New 6.2.3 Directors shall be confirmed by acclamation when the total of eligible candidates matches that of available positions.</p>	<p>Confirms that a secret ballot vote is not required when no position is being contested.</p>
	<p>New 6.2.4 Should there be more Director candidates than available positions the election shall be by secret ballot, determined through a single round of voting with those individuals receiving the highest vote totals being declared elected to fill the available positions.</p>	<p>This article allows the vote to occur with one round of balloting rather than multiple rounds where one candidate at a time is eliminated each round which would cause significant delays in the AGM.</p>
<p>6.2.2 The term of office for Directors shall be two (2) years.</p> <p>6.2.3 The term of the President shall be two years.</p>	<p>6.2.5 The term of office for Directors shall be two (2) years.</p> <p>6.2.3 The term of the President shall be two years.</p>	<p>No Change in wording</p> <p>The President is also a Director so this article was unnecessary.</p>



<p>6.2.10 The Past President shall:</p> <p>a) have a term consistent with that of the current President.</p> <p>b) not be eligible for re-election to the Board of Directors for two years following the completion of his/her term as Past President.</p>	<p>6.2.8 The Past President shall:</p> <p>a) when active, have a term consistent with that of the current President.</p> <p>b) not be eligible for re-election to the Board of Directors for two years following the completion of his/her term as Past President.</p>	<p>The previous wording as written was contradictory. These changes clarify that a sitting Past President may seek re-election after serving one two year term as Past President.</p> <p>The previous wording as written was not clear if a Past President could seek election if the President remained in office for an extended period and at minimum the Past President had to sit out 4 years before seeking re-election.</p>
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