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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
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.	Majority = 16 votes 50% + 1 = 16.5+1 = 17 votes NOTE: Some of these Articles related to 50%+1 will be re re-numbered as specified in amendments occurring
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.	later in this document.
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	



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President according to this section, a new Vice President shall be elected by a majority vote (50%+1) of the Board. 6.5.5 In the event of a vacancy, the Board of Directors may, by a majority (50%+1) vote, appoint another person, who shall serve until the next Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. 9.1.3 The Auditor shall be appointed by a majority (50%+1) vote of the voting delegates at the Annual General Meeting.	President according to this section, a new Vice President shall be elected by a majority vote (50%+1) of the Board. 6.5.5 In the event of a vacancy, the Board of Directors may, by a majority (50%+1) vote, appoint another person, who shall serve until the next Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. 9.1.3 The Auditor shall be appointed by a majority (50%+1) vote of the voting delegates at the Annual General Meeting.	
3.2.5 All SSA Member Organizations, as per CANADA SOCCER Bylaws, shall maintain a clause inserted in their Bylaws, Policies or regulations, specifying that the Member Organization, its members, leagues, clubs, players, and organizers shall: a) Not invoke the aid of the ordinary courts without first exhausting all available remedies within the Saskatchewan and Canadian Soccer Association policies and processes to resolve any and all disputes or disagreements between them.	3.2.5 All SSA Member Organizations, as per CANADA SOCCER Bylaws, shall maintain a clause inserted in their Bylaws, Policies or regulations by December 2020, specifying that the Member Organization, its members, leagues, clubs, players, and organizers shall: a) Not invoke the aid of the ordinary courts without first exhausting all available remedies within the Saskatchewan and Canadian Soccer Association policies and processes to resolve any and all disputes or disagreements between them. Not take any disputes affecting SSA or its members, or with Canada Soccer, to the ordinary courts of law. Instead of recourse to the courts, provision shall be made for arbitration by an independent and duly constituted arbitration tribunal recognized by the SSA and its Members.	To align with the newly amended standard for CSA approved May 2019.
b) No change	b) No change	
c) Comply with the principles of the	c) Comply with the principles of the	To align with amendments to our



Formal Complaints and Discipline processes of the SSA and the Disciplinary Code of CANADA SOCCER. New Article 4.1.3	Formal Complaints and Discipline Judicial Processes of the SSA and the Disciplinary Code of CANADA SOCCER. 4.1.3 Members may be suspended pending a hearing for allegations of misconduct as outlined in the SSA Formal Complaints Policy.	Formal Complaints, Discipline and Appeals policies individually and collectively now referred to as Judicial Processes. 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.
4.2.1 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;	Formatting
	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.	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	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	To amalgamate all reference to quorum into one article.
quorum present, may continue even if during the meeting the number of voting delegates is reduced to less than a quorum.	minimum of thirteen Regular Member Organizations must be present to constitute a quorum. a) Associate Members and Life	



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. a) Associate Members and Life Members present at General Meetings shall not be counted in the quorum.	Members present at General Meetings shall not be counted in the quorum. 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.	
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 with the exception of elections which require voting by secret ballot. a) A secret ballot may be held if requested by a majority (50%+1) of the Members at the meeting.	Clarifies that elections will occur by secret ballot.
6.1.1 The Board of Directors shall	6.1.1 The Board of Directors shall	To clarify wording related to the
consist of three Officers and nine	consist of three Officers twelve	makeup of the Board if the Past
other Directors.	Directors. and nine other Directors.	President is active or inactive.
6.1.2The Officers of the Board shall consist of the following: President, Vice-President and Past President.	6.1.2 The Officers of the Board shall consist of the following: President, Vice-President and, when active, the Past President.	To clarify that the Past President is not always an active Director on the Board.
6.2.5 Election of the Directors shall	6.2.1 Election of the Directors shall	To improve the flow of article 6.2
generally proceed in accordance	generally proceed in accordance with	To improve the new or article 0.2
with the following schedule:	the following schedule: a) In	
a) In alternate years, the President	alternate years, with the President	
and up to five Directors shall be	and up to five Directors shall be	
elected, followed the next year by the election of the Vice-President	being elected, followed the next year by the election of the Vice-President	
and up to five Directors.	and up to five Directors.	
6.2.1 The Board of Directors, except	6.2.2 The Board of Directors, except	To consolidate various articles into
for the Past President, shall be	for the Past President, shall be	one to improve the flow and clarity.
elected annually by secret ballot at	elected annually by secret ballot at	
the Annual General Meeting	the Annual General Meeting with the following exceptions:	
6.2.12 Where a vacancy occurs on	6.2.2 a) Where a vacancy occurs on	No change in wording
the Board as a result of the death,	the Board as a result of the death,	
resignation, retirement or removal	resignation, retirement or removal of	
of a Director, or where a Board	a Director, or where a Board vacancy	



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





- 6.2.10 The Past President shall:
- a) have a term consistent with that of the current President.
- 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.
- 6.2.8 The Past President shall:
- a) when active, have a term consistent with that of the current President.
- 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.

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.

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.

