

Valley United Soccer Club

Official Bylaws

1.0 BYLAW: Name

1.1 The name of this organization shall be Valley United Soccer Club (hereinafter cited as VUSC).

2.0 BYLAW: Affiliation

2.1 VUSC shall be affiliated with the relevant governing soccer bodies, including Valley Soccer Association (VSA), Saskatchewan Soccer Association (SSA) and Canada Soccer Association (CSA) as required.

2.2 These bylaws shall be interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with the bylaws of those governing bodies.

3.0 BYLAW: Objectives

3.1 The objectives of VUSC are:

3.1.1 To foster and support the development of soccer.

3.1.2 To provide governance and oversight for soccer programs under its jurisdiction.

3.1.3 To support the development of players, coaches, referees, and volunteers.

3.1.4 To promote soccer in accordance with the principles of the provincial and national governing associations.

4.0 BYLAW: Membership

4.1 Membership shall consist of Players/Participating Members (Participating Members are the parents or guardians of those individuals under 18 that are registered to play on a Club team), Coaches, and Honorary Members who are in good standing and properly registered with VUSC.

4.2 Members in good standing shall have the right to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and any Special General Meeting. Voting rights are limited to those 18 years of age or older, in good standing.

4.3 Members must:

- Pay required fees.
- Abide by VUSC, VSA, SSA and CSA's rules, regulations, policies, and bylaws.
- Conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the values of the Club.

5.0 BYLAW: Board of Directors

5.1 Composition

5.1.1 The Board shall consist of no fewer than five (5) and no more than ten (10) Directors.

5.1.2 The Board shall include the following Officers: President, Vice-President, and Treasurer.

5.1.3 A VSA representative such as the Technical Director may serve as a non-voting member at the discretion of the Board.

5.1.4 The Board may appoint additional Officers as required.

5.2 Elections

5.2.1 Directors and Officers shall be elected at the AGM by the membership in good standing. Directors shall be ratified by secret ballot. A simple majority vote is required for ratification.

5.2.2 Officers shall serve for two-year terms, staggered where possible and Member at Large Directors shall serve one year terms.

5.2.3 Vacancies may be filled by Board appointment until the next AGM. 5.2.4 Terms of office for new members begin at the close of the Annual General Meeting at which they are ratified

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5.2.6 Terms of office for sitting members expire at the close of the Annual General meeting at which new members are ratified.

5.3 Duties of Officers

- President: Provides leadership, presides over meetings, and represents the Club externally.
- Vice-President: Supports the President and assumes duties in their absence.
- Treasurer: Manages financial affairs and ensures proper reporting.

5.4 Removal

Any Director who misses three (3) meetings in a 12-month period or acts against the interests of the Club including, but not limited to Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Breach of Bylaws, policies, General Conduct that is detrimental to the Association may be removed by majority Board vote.

6.0 **BYLAW: Duties of the Board**

6.1 The Board shall govern the activities and affairs of the Club in accordance with The Non-Profit Corporations Act, VSA, SSA, CSA and these bylaws.

6.2 The Board shall ensure VUSC meets all legal, financial, and organizational requirements.

6.3 The Board may establish committees to assist with Club operations. 6.4 The Board may create, remove or amend policies enacted under these bylaws. 6.5 The Board may employ staff, enter into contracts for services, and provide remuneration to Members were deemed necessary and approved by the Board.

6.6 The Board may enter into contract with VSA, to employ the VSA Technical Director to provide the following:

- leadership in player and coach development;
 - development and oversight of technical programs in line with Club objectives.
- support to the Board on advice related to soccer related development matters.
- serve as a non-voting participant at Board meetings; and
- any other service or support deemed appropriate by the board and appropriately outlined in the contract.

7.0 BYLAW: Meetings

7.1 The Board shall meet at least four (4) times per year. Quorum shall be 50% of voting Directors.

7.2 Annual AGM to be held within 6 months of end of fiscal year. Notice of the AGM must be provided at least thirty (30) days prior.

7.3 Special General Meetings may be called by the Board or by written request of at least 10% of the membership.

7.4 Meetings shall follow Robert's Rules of Order unless inconsistent with these bylaws.

8.0 BYLAW: Financial Administration

8.1 Signing authority shall rest with two of the following: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or another Director as designated by the Board.

8.2 The fiscal year shall run from January 1 – December 31.

8.3 The Board shall appoint a reviewer and shall ensure that an annual review of the Financial Statement of VUSC is completed within 90 days of the close of the fiscal year.

9.0 BYLAW: Indemnity

9.1 VUSC shall indemnify every Officer, Director, employee, and volunteer against all reasonable costs and liabilities incurred in the course of their duties, provided they acted honestly and in good faith, and where the claim or possible claim was brought to the Board at the earliest, reasonable opportunity.

10.0 BYLAW: Amendments

10.1 Amendments to these bylaws may only be made at an AGM or Special General Meeting by two-thirds majority vote of those present and eligible to vote.

10.2 Notice of proposed amendments must be provided at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.