

BY-LAWS OF THE BEACON SOCCER CLUB



AFFILIATED WITH

CITY OF BEACON RECREATION COMMITTEE

EAST HUDSON YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE, INC

EASTERN NEW YORK YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

AFFILIATED WITH

UNITED STATES YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

*FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (FIFA)*

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Article I - NAME

The name of the organization is the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. Herein, it shall be referred to as the B. S.C. or the "Club".

Article II - PURPOSE

The Club shall be a non-profit organization under the laws of the State of New York whose purpose is to promote and foster youth soccer up to 19 years of age, within its jurisdiction

Specifically, the Club shall provide:

Youth an opportunity to learn and play the game of soccer, and in doing, also learn the principles of good sportsmanship, honesty, cooperation, teamwork and the respect for authority.

A supervised, orderly and progressive program of instruction (curriculum) and competitive soccer games. All Officers, Directors, Players, Parents, Sponsors, and Supporters shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skills or the winning of a game is secondary, and that the molding of future adults is of primary importance. Directors of the Club (a.k.a. the Board of Directors) shall strive to provide reasonably equal benefits and opportunities to all registered players whether recreational, instructional or travel.

Quality competition for those players willing and able to compete at the highest levels of competition via a travel team program.

Article III - AFFILIATION

The Club is a member of the East Hudson Youth Soccer League, herein known as EHYSL, and Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association, Inc., herein known as ENYYSA, and abide by their rules and regulations, and is affiliated with the United States Youth Soccer Association, Inc., herein known as USYSA, and soccer's worldwide governing body the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), and shall comply with their rules. BSC retains the right to affiliate with other organization/league as deemed fit by the BSC board of directors.

Colors

The representative colors of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. shall be blue, gold, and white

Seal

The representative seal of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. is:



Article JURISDICTION

The area of jurisdiction of the Club shall include the Beacon City School District, city of Beacon and its neighboring communities.

The BSC may admit members from outside the jurisdiction of the Club provided they are not currently under suspension or have charges filed against them by any organization affiliated with the East Hudson Youth Soccer League, Inc. or the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association, Inc

Article Y- CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Eligibility

Membership shall be open to anyone showing an interest in promoting the game of soccer and the objectives and programs of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc., as stated herein, upon fulfilling such conditions as the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. may establish.

There are three types of membership in the BSC: Player Member, Regular Member and Staff.

Player Member

Any youth of appropriate age in whose name the club purchased insurance and registered for the soccer season shall be deemed a Player Member. Such members shall be non-voting and shall pay no dues beyond the amount assessed at registration time except for such assessments as may be made to cover the expenditures for special activities.

Regular Member

Parent or legal guardian of a Player Member registered with the club.

Staff Member

Any adult 18 years old or older in whose name the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. has authorized supervision, instruction, demonstration, testing and evaluation, and/or medical assistance of player members in support of and in accordance with the objectives and programs of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. shall be deemed a nonvoting staff member.

Board of Directors

Any adult including, but not limited to, parents or guardians of player members, coaches, referees, sponsors, accomplished soccer personalities, and/or persons who have been, for at least a full year, active in supporting and promoting the objectives and programs of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. may be elected by the Board of Directors of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. to serve as members of the Board of Directors. Such members shall have the right to exercise one vote each on any and all matters brought before the Board of Directors of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc.

Dues

Members shall be liable for whatever dues the Board of Directors of the Beacon Soccer Club may stipulate for such members.

Rights and Responsibilities of Membership

Each member is responsible for insuring the proper registration with the BSC and for the promotion of the objectives of the Club. Each member is also required to follow the code of conduct for Parents, Players and Coaches.

Termination or Suspension

Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate the term of office or any Officer or membership of any Member of any class when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of the Club. The member involved shall be notified at least 7 days prior of such a meeting, and informed of the general nature of the charges of misconduct, and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges. Notification can be done by certified mail, or electronic mail; with a send receive attachment.

The Board of Directors shall, in the case of a Player Member, give notice to the parent, manager and or coach of the team for which a member plays. Said manager or coach shall appear, in the capacity of an adviser to the player, with the player before a duly

appointed committee of the Board of Directors, which shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right of future participation.

In the case of a Board Member complaint, the Board member must recuse himself or herself from voting.

Article VI - MANAGEMENT

The management of the BSC is carried out by the Board of Directors and Coordinators

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors consists of the officers, elected annually (except for the Immediate Past President) at the May General Meeting, and the Coordinators.

All powers of the Club beyond the annual election of Officers shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Senior Division Coordinator, Intermediate Division Coordinator, Pee Wee Division Coordinator, Junior Pee Wee Midget Division Coordinator, and the Head Referee.

- At the annual meeting of the Club, the Board shall present a report prepared by the Coordinators and verified by the President and Secretary. The report shall show the amount of real and personal property owned by the Club and where it is located. A listing shall be maintained of names and places of residence of the persons who have been admitted into in the Club during the year. The report shall be filed with the records of the Club and an abstract entered into the minutes of the proceedings of meeting

Executive Board

An Executive Board, consisting of three senior members of the Board of Directors starting with the President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and then the Treasurer. It shall function as a governing board in the absence of an elected Board of Directors. The Executive Board will ensure the continuation of the Club, shall have all the powers of the Board of Directors, and shall function until officers are duly elected.

OFFICERS

The following officer positions shall exist within the BSC:

Elected

President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Head Referee, and Division Coordinators and Co-Coordinators.

Positions may have a Co-Coordinator but only the Coordinator may vote at Board meetings. In the absence of the Coordinator the Co-Coordinator may vote at the Board Meeting.

Non elected

Concessions

DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS

President

The President shall be Executive Officer of the Club, preside over all meetings and represent the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. in all matters; call special meetings of the Board of Directors as needed; assist each officer in the performance of their duty; supervise sponsor relations, auxiliary and special events, public relations, fund raising and other administrative matters; delegate powers to other parties as needed; approve all day to day operating expenses and invoices against the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc.; be an ex officio member of all committees; cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie; take any action necessary to assure that the goals and objectives of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. are met.

1st and 2nd Vice President, Director of Operations

The Director of Operations is the Vice President and shall serve as President in the event of the latter's absence, incapacity, resignation, suspension, removal or death; the Vice President shall provide for the operational needs of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. in matters related to fields including field preparation, field maintenance, field improvements, field related equipment, equipment storage and security, and long term field/property acquisition; coordinate acquisition, distribution, and control of match related equipment including balls, ball bags, nets, corner flags, etc.; coordinate field utilization including practice and intramural game schedules among the various age divisions; coordinate playing rules for intramural program across the various age groups; obtain and coordinate indoor soccer facilities for the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc.; administer and coordinate any special program authorized by the Beacon Soccer Club.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be the officer responsible for the Club finances, and the administrator of the Club's banking account. As the Administrator and custodian of the Club's account, the Treasurer shall file annually, or as often as required by law, a statement of non-profit organization with the Internal Revenue Service and deposit a copy of the same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors; file a complete financial statement for approval at each meeting of the Board of Directors and keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of the Club; disburse all payments from allotted funds as approved by the Board of Directors; give a receipt for all monies that are deposited in a chartered bank in the name of the Club; pay by check all amounts of \$5.00 or more which will be signed by the President or Treasurer; with the assistance of the President, prepare and submit an annual financial statement to the Board of Directors at the annual general meeting; also prepare and present a budget for the following fiscal year; be the chairperson of the budget committee. All financial records

of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. are a matter of public record and will be available to any member upon request.

Secretary

The Secretary shall be the officer responsible for recording the activities of the Club, maintaining appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records. The Secretary shall perform other duties that are normally associated with the office or as assigned by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall be the official repository of this constitution and by-laws, the playing rules and any other official documents of the Club. The Secretary shall maintain a list of all members, Coordinators, Officers and Committee Members. The Secretary shall also give notice of all meetings of the Club's Board of Directors and the annual general meeting. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the minutes of the annual general meeting. These minutes are to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose. The Secretary shall send a copy of the minutes of the meetings to each member of the Board of Directors along with the agenda for the next meeting at least seven days prior to the planned meeting date.

Division Coordinators; Co-Coordinators

The Division Coordinators shall coordinate, staff and administer their division's activities; create and balance the makeup and mix (age and skill) of their division's teams; prepare and distribute their division game schedule; secure and coordinate their division's field, equipment, uniforms, coaches and officials requirements; regularly meet with, communicate with, supervise, and evaluate their division's coaches; evaluate their division's players and maintain a current and active listing of players in their division; evaluate, identify and rank the top 18 players in their division and provide that listing, as needed, to the travel team director; maintain a confidential ranking of all players in their division based upon a numbering system wherein a value of 1 equals a rating of Excellence (above average), and a value of 2 denotes a Good rating (average), and a value of 3 denotes a Least (below average); coordinate and administer cancellations, make-ups and playoffs; assist in the formulation, adaptation and revision of curriculum plans for their divisions; and otherwise supervise the activities of their division so as to assure progress towards meeting the objectives, purposes, goals intentions, and plans of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc.

The Coordinators and Head Referee shall comprise the Rules Committee.

Head Referee

The Head Referee shall be responsible for the scheduling and assigning of referees to all Club games, and tournament games where the Club is the host; the Head Referee shall be responsible for scheduling and assigning of referees for the Club's travel teams 1J13 down; U14 and up will be covered by the East Hudson Referee Association. The Head Referee shall be

responsible for maintaining a corps of referees through entry level certification of new referees, and recertification of current referees. The Head Referee shall communicate with supervise and evaluate all club referees; keep the club informed of any rule changes as they come forth from FIFA the international soccer association, and shall conduct periodic reviews of the FIFA laws and Club laws that pertain to how the game is played with coaches, players, and referees. The Head Referee shall submit referee pay vouchers to the Beacon Recreation Commission and or the Club while maintaining records of said vouchers for retention by the Treasurer for financial disclosure. The Head Referee shall report in writing once monthly all players, coaches, or fan violations; the progress of referees and their movement through the various division age groupings. the number of games and amount of money paid out for referee's each month during the season; submit a budget to the treasurer.

The Head Referee and the Coordinators comprise the Rules Committee.

Term of Office

The term of office for all officers and coordinators shall be for a period of one year ending on June 30th, unless the office holder/coordinator is re-elected.

Appointed Positions

The President can appoint individuals to positions such as Head Coach and assistant treasurer. These appointments require Board of Directors approval.

Standing:

Strategy, Audit, Budget, Constitution/By-Laws, Games Conduct, Rules, and Uniform/Equipment.

Special Committees

Special Committees are appointed by the President with the assistance and approval of the Board of Directors. Examples are: Appeals, Grievance, Nominating, and Tournament

Co- Chairpersons

Each Committee chairperson shall chair the assigned committee and be responsible for seeing that its work is done in accordance with the objectives and programs of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc... Committee chairpersons are expected to report

periodically as needed to the Board of Directors with information on what tasks, problems, or progress should have been, have been and will have accomplished. Committee chairpersons are free to select committee members to assist in the performance of duties and tasks, subject to the approval of the President who shall be a member ex officio of every committee. The President shall have the right to fill or not fill any chairperson ship that becomes vacant and may act as chairperson of that committee until the vacancy is filled.

Article VII - Meetings

All meetings shall be conducted using Robert's Rules of Order.

Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall meet on the first Monday in May to elect officers for the following year. The members of the existing Board of Directors shall elect new members of the Board of Directors to hold office from July 1st until June 30th of the next year. They may approve the audit report, the budget and act on whatever else the Board of Directors shall determine. This special meeting shall be known as the annual general meeting

Special Meetings

Special general meetings may be called by the President of the Club, or upon request of a majority of the Board of Directors, or by petition of 20 percent of the Club's membership. The President, when so directed, shall schedule said meeting within 14 days following receipt of such petitions. Individual's eligible to vote, assignment of voting rights to a team representative, and restrictions on voting are the same as for Regular General Meetings.

Board of Directors Meeting

All Board of Directors Meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month or according to the schedule presented and agreed upon by the elected Board of Directors with a minimum of six (6) per year. Each Board member is required to attend 75% of the meetings per year. Failure to meet this requirement may lead to termination as a Board member at which time an eligible alternate acting in a temporary capacity as a non-voting member may be selected and inducted by the existing Board members via a majority vote. All Board of Directors meetings shall be open to all members for the first hour of a regularly scheduled meeting. Executive voting session will follow the open session. A majority vote shall be required for passage of any motions at Board of Directors meetings.

Meeting Notice

Written notice of each meeting shall be sent to all Board Members by the Secretary at least five but no more than ten days prior to the meeting. A public notice on the Beacon Soccer Club Website and/or through electronic mail will be made to members.

Quorums

A simple majority (51%) of board members Present shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII- ORDER OF BUSINESS

- Roll Call
- Correspondence
- Reading Of Minutes From Previous Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Registrar's Report
- Coordinators Reports
- Report Of Committees
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

ARTICLE VIII1- RENUMERATION AND COMPENSATION

Remuneration

No part of the net earnings of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. shall insure to the benefit of any member, director of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc., or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to, for or on behalf of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. as an officiating referee in accordance with rules and regulations of governing soccer bodies) and no member, officer, director or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any Beacon Soccer Club, Inc.'s assets on dissolution of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc., such assets subject to distribution by governing soccer bodies exempt under IRC#509, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax law, or to the Federal government, or state or local government for a public purpose, subject to the approval of a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

Distribution and Use of Proceeds

Each and every year, all funds made payable to, collected and received by the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. shall be used solely during that seasonal year to meet the operating needs of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. program.

All funds shall be disbursed completely and solely on behalf of and for the benefit, directly and/or indirectly, of the registered players of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. as follows:

- for uniforms including screening and numbering;
 - for equipment, related freight, shipping, and storage; for fields and indoor facilities including rental, purchase, preparation, maintenance and improvement, custodial charges, and toilet facilities;
 - for registration fees, insurance fees, and liability insurance fees, performance bonds, etc. payable to league, state, and national governing bodies; referees fees for officiating matches; awards;
 - media advertising;
 - administrative costs including copying, supplies, postage, telephone, and meeting expenses;
 - scholarships as financial assistance to defer part or all of player fees (based on individual needs); reimbursement of fees paid to license referees; reimbursement of fees paid to train and license coaches; purchase and/or rental of Referee and/or Coach training materials, books, films, tapes, etc.;
 - purchase and/or rental of training equipment and/or facilities for training and/or instructing players, referees, and/or coaches;
 - to purchase equipment and/or articles for resale as fund raiser;
 - to settle debt obligations and shortfalls of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. incurred with outside vendors where insufficient funds are received from program participants (i.e. fund raisers, awards, etc.);
 - to satisfy contractual agreements with sponsors;
 - to reimburse individuals for documented and authorized expenses incurred and payments advanced by the individual on behalf of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. for
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- merchandise and/or services obtained on behalf of or for the benefit of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc;
 - for legal expenses incurred in defense of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. in legal matters/actions;
 - for auditing fees necessary to satisfy regulatory reporting requirements on behalf of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc.;
 - Any expenditure approved by the Board of Directors of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. that is necessary to assure that the goals and objectives of the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. are met.

Disbursement of Funds

No individual shall cause the disbursement of Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. funds for any purpose other than the conduct of soccer activities in accordance with the rules and policies established herein.

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall begin on the first day of January and shall end on the last day of December. In any taxable year, the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. shall distribute its income for said period at such time and manner as not to subject the Beacon Soccer Club, Inc. to tax under IR C#4941.

Every effort shall be made to assure that there shall be no balance of funds carried over from one year to another, it being intended that all funds received in any year should be expended on that year's programs. The obvious exception would be fund raising efforts in support of long term goals and objectives such as acquisition and/or improvements of fields, buildings, furnishings, etc.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution and by-laws may be accepted by a two-thirds vote at two consecutive meetings, at least two weeks apart of the Board of Directors, provided that all those eligible to vote have been notified at a club meeting or by electronic mail at least seven (7) days before the initial meeting of the intention to offer amendment.

Amendments so adopted shall be immediately incorporated into the Constitution and By- Laws, rather than being maintained as a list of amendments to the original text. By-Laws will be signed by **all** Board Members present at the June meeting, in every year, to maintain up-to-date By-Laws. In the case there are no changes, "No changes" will be entered and then signed. A hard copy will be filed with the club secretary and shall produce it upon request.

Amendments and Revisions incorporated:

- 1-13-1968 Elections of officers in May instead of June.
- 3-03-1988 Addition of Dissolution provision, non-inurement provision and restrictive legislation provision.
- 1-1-1991 Addition of a Coaches age requirement for each player division.
- 1-01-1996 Major revision: Covering most if not all Articles of the By-laws to update the club's current mode of operation. To reflect the governing league and state soccer organization changes passed down to the Club. Redefining responsibilities of Officers, Age Group Directors, Referee, and Committee Chairpersons... Membership, etc...
- 07-31-2008 Revision of Fiscal Year from the first day of July to the last Day of June to the first day in January to the last day in December
- 05-06-2013 Added a new membership category Player, Regular and Staff Member
- 05-06-2013 Regular Member : Parent or legal guardian of a Player Member registered with the club through the online service utilized by the club.

05-06-2013 Rights and responsibilities of Membership: Added Each member is also required to follow the code of conduct for Parents, Players and coaches.

05-06-2013 Termination and Suspension: Added; Notification can be done by certified mail; with a send receive attachment. Added; give notice to the Parent, manager and, or coach. Added: In the case of a Board member complaint, the Board member must recuse him or herself from voting.

05-06-2013 Board of Directors: Added; 2nd Vice President. Omitted concession and communication coordinator.

05-06-2013 Executive Board: Added; the President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and then the Treasurer.

05-06-2013 Elected: Added; 2nd Vice President and Co-Coordinators. Added; Positions may have a Co-Coordinator but only the Coordinator may vote at the Board meetings. In the absence of the Coordinator the Co-Coordinator may vote at the Board Meeting.

05-06-2013 Added: 1st and 2nd Vice President.







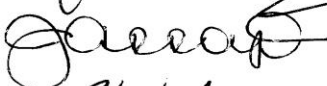



05-06-2013 Division Coordinators: Added Co-Coordinator.

05-06-2013 Meeting Notice: Added; A public notice on the Beacon Website and/or through electronic mail will be made to members.

05-06-2013 Quorums: Added Board members present.

05-06-2013 Article X Amendments: Added; notified at a club meeting or by electronic mail. By-Laws will be signed by **all** Board Members present at the June meeting, in every year, to maintain up-to-date By-Laws. In the case there are no changes, "No changes" will be entered and then signed. A hard copy will be filed with the club secretary and shall produce it upon request.

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