



Constitution of SAY East Cincinnati Soccer Association Adopted 11 Jan 2020 Amended 14 Jun 2025

Article I NAME

The name of the organization shall be known as SAY East Cincinnati Soccer Association. It shall be considered to be an Ohio unincorporated association.

Article II PURPOSE

The organization exists to provide the children living in or attending schools in the Eastern and Central Cincinnati Area a quality soccer program involving as many members of the community as possible, in affiliation with Soccer Association for Youth USA; and to develop and encourage sporting behavior among its members and players for the betterment of their physical and social wellbeing.

Article III AFFILIATION

This organization shall be affiliated with the Soccer Association for Youth, USA, an Ohio corporation. The organization shall adhere to and comply with the principles, rules, and regulations enunciated and decreed by the Soccer Association for Youth, USA. To the extent that this Constitution or any rules and policies adopted by this organization are inconsistent with the rules and regulations enunciated and decreed by the Soccer Association for Youth, USA, then those of the Soccer Association for Youth, USA shall govern.

Article IV POWERS

This organization shall have the following powers in addition the powers expressly or implicitly conferred on it by law: To make and enforce rules and regulations promulgated by the Soccer Association for Youth, USA, to which organization is subject. To enter into contracts and to hold and own property.

Article V MEMBERSHIP

SAY East Cincinnati Soccer Association is made up of Districts which are either special interest organizations such as schools or churches, or specific geographic areas as determined by the Board of Directors. Each such District shall be considered a Member. Eligibility for each District is established by the SAY East Cincinnati Soccer Association Board of Directors. Each District is entitled to one vote for the election of the Board of Directors. If a District does not register at least one team for four consecutive seasons, such District shall be deemed automatically removed as a Member of the Association and ineligible to nominate or vote on Directors or any



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other matters until such District is reinstated to membership by the Board of Directors according to its regular eligibility procedures.

Article VI GOVERNING BODY

The governing body of the organization shall be the Board of Directors. Said Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and management of the organization, as it may deem proper. Each District Member may annually nominate one individual representative from that District to serve on the Board of Directors, which may be a continuation of service of such individual. The existing Board of Directors shall annually elect the subsequent Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall annually elect Officers, consisting of the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board of Directors may also elect Committee Chairs, for areas such as, but not limited to: Compliance, Fields, Minors and Seniors, Player Pool, Referee Coordinator, Schedules, Scores, Team Committee Representatives, Tournament, Website. The Board of Directors may also elect At-Large Members.

The Officers, Committee Chairs and At-Large Members of the organization shall be the Executive Committee.

The Officers shall exercise such day to day authority as is typically expected of officers in a for-profit or not-for profit corporation as to such office. The President and Treasurer shall execute all contracts. The President shall preside at all Board of Directors' meetings or officers' meetings, unless unavailable, in which case the Vice President shall preside. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings, all corporate records, and shall be responsible for official correspondence and regulatory filings. The Treasurer shall keep the books and records of the organization, have control with the President of all bank accounts, and shall, together with the President, have authority to make checks, drafts and deposits on behalf of the organization. The Committee Chairs may propose policies and rules concerning, and exercise supervision over their respective committees.

All members of the Executive Committee shall be elected as specified in Article VII. No two members of the same family shall be members of the Executive Committee at the same time. The Past-President may sit on the Executive Committee in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity.

The Executive Committee shall also act regarding the adoption or revocation of rules and regulations for the management of the organization and local game play or tournament matters. The Board of Directors by a majority vote of the Board of Directors may revoke any rules or regulations adopted by the Executive Committee or rescind any rule revocation made



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by the Executive Committee.

Each member of the Board of Directors will have one vote on matters requiring a vote of the Board of Directors. No one person may have more than one vote.

Article VII ELECTION

Each Board of Directors member is entitled to one vote in electing a subsequent Board of Directors, and in electing the Executive Committee. The election shall take place at the Association's annual meeting to be held before January 30 of each year following the fall soccer season, at a meeting called by the presiding President or via email at the Executive Committee's discretion. Nominations will be taken via email or at said meeting and the candidates receiving a majority of votes of those present will take office on the date of election.

Article VIII MEETINGS AND QUORUM

All meetings shall be conducted according to "Roberts' Rules of Order." A quorum is 50% of the Board of Directors. Meetings of the Board of Directors will be held as needed.

Article IX REMOVAL

Any Director, Officer, Committee Chair or At-Large Member may be removed at any time for actions which are deemed detrimental to this organization. Removal shall be effectuated by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Board of Directors to remove the individual from such position.

Article X AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority affirmative vote of the Board of Directors. Any such amendments can be presented at a normally scheduled Area Board meeting or via email to all current Board Members. A vote will be taken at a subsequent time within thirty (30) days via email or at a time and place designated by the President.