

LONG ISLAND SOCCER (FOOTBALL) LEAGUE (LISFL)

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CHAPTER I - CHARTER

1. This organization shall be known as the Soccer League of Long Island, Inc. a.k.a. the Long Island Soccer Football League (LISFL).
2. The official headquarters of the LISFL shall be located on Long Island and all General meetings and Annual meetings shall be held on Long Island.
3. The LISFL shall be a member of the Eastern New York State Soccer Association (ENYSSA) and shall, at all times, play under and be governed by the constitutional rules and regulations of that body.
4. The colors of the LISFL are azure and orange.
5. The Soccer League of Long Island became incorporated on October 7, 1989. The purposes of the Soccer League of Long Island as stated in the certificate of incorporation are:
"To foster, promulgate and promote the sport of soccer football and to do everything within legal limits to carry out and effectuate this purpose."
6. The LISFL recognizes its obligations under the ENYSSA Social Media Policy and will comply with, support, and enforce such policy. The LISFL is committed to the eradication of all racism and all forms of discrimination.

CHAPTER II - ADMINISTRATION

1. Conduct of Activities

The conduct of all activities is supervised by the Executive Board.

2. Executive Board

A. MEMBERS:

President
First Vice President
Second Vice President
Third Vice President
General Secretary
Scheduling Secretary
Treasurer
Delegate to the ENYSSA
Alternate Delegate to the ENYSSA
Six (6) Trustees
Past President
Life Members (Active).

B. Board members will normally occupy a single position on the Executive Board, unless no other candidates are available for particular positions, in which case, board members may be elected to fulfill such positions on a one-year basis.

3. Powers

A. A two-third-majority vote of at least eight members of the Executive Board is required to define and enforce executive decisions.

B. The Executive Board has the right to suspend any member of the Board whose actions are detrimental to the interests of the LISFL. A suspended member may demand a hearing of his case before a special Meeting of the league within four weeks after his suspension becomes effective.

C. Officers missing two successive meetings, executive and/or general meetings, without notice and/or sufficient reason will be suspended. He shall be notified within three days of the suspension, given a hearing at the next general meeting if requested, and if the suspension stands, the position will be filled by vote of the General body as soon as possible

D. LISFL Officers shall be respectful, courteous, and honorable during any involvement with soccer, including coaching or playing. The Executive Board members must be mindful that their decisions, on and off the field, affect the league as a whole. Without the permission and written authorization of the LISFL President, league officials may not represent the LISFL in an official capacity at any event, sanctioned or otherwise. The Executive Board shall research, review and act upon all charges of misconduct against any of its members.

E. The Executive Board may order all other games suspended on days when an LISFL team participates in a Regional or National competition.

F. Executive Board has the power to make decisions on matters, which are not covered by these rules. Any such decision must be reviewed and approved by majority vote at the next open meeting of the league.

4. Duties

- A. The President shall preside at all meetings and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He shall have the power to take such emergency steps as necessary when the interests of the league appear endangered. He shall be the general representative of the league in all matters. In his absence, the first, second, or third Vice President shall succeed to the powers of the President, in that order. He shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie vote at the general meeting only.
- B. The President will assign to the Vice Presidents their respective duties, i.e., Publicity and Promotion of the league, Indoor Tournament and Dinner Dance.
- C. The General Secretary shall attend to all correspondence, other than matters pertaining to game scheduling and promotional work. They shall record the minutes of all meetings. These minutes shall be presented for approval at the following meeting and if accepted, shall be signed by the presiding officer. They shall post a copy of the minutes of the general meeting on the LISFL web site.
- D. The Scheduling Secretary shall arrange all the scheduling of games, set kick-off times, arrange for referees, and have the standings of all divisions available for publication once a month. The teams shall be notified of schedules two weeks in advance of play date (if possible).
- E. The league Treasurer shall have charge of league finances. They shall establish an annual budget. This budget will be presented to the general body for approval and shall not be exceeded without the approval of the general body. They shall present a detailed report of the financial standing at each of the general committee meetings. They shall submit a full written financial report of the season at the Annual General Meeting. All disbursements from the treasury of the League above the limit specified in Chapter X shall be approved and countersigned by the President.
- F. All player registration will be conducted through the office at the LISFL headquarters and shall be under the jurisdiction of the ENYSSA Registration Chairman. Reference to the Registrar within these By-laws will be interpreted to mean any LISFL office staff member.
- G. The Delegate and Alternate to the ENYSSA shall represent the interests of the league at all meetings of the ENYSSA and shall report on such matters to the President and the general committee meetings. They shall inquire of the officials for points of interest to our league to be presented to or questioned of the ENYSSA body.
- H. The Trustees shall attend to such duties, to be assigned by the President, as the need arises.

5. Executive Board Vacancies

When an office of the league becomes vacant, the Executive Board shall elect an individual to fill the vacancy until the next Annual Meeting of the league, at which time the General Body shall elect an individual to fill the office according to the provisions set forth in Chapter II. 6.

6. Election of Officers

- A. The Executive Board (less Junior Past President and Life Members) of this league shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting at which time Club Delegates will cast **ONE** vote per team, provided the Club has \$0 balance. Life Members may cast **ONE** vote each.
- B. To qualify for the position of President, one shall serve as an elected officer of the league for a period of at least two years prior to nomination for President.
- C. Induction to life membership will be a two-step procedure, requiring a 70% majority of the Executive Board and Active Life Members prior to the AGM, and a majority of 50% plus 1 vote by the General Membership at the AGM.
- D. The President, Second Vice President, General Secretary, Delegate to the ENYSSA and three (3) Trustees will be elected for two-year terms in **ODD** years. The First Vice President, Third Vice President, Scheduling Secretary, Treasurer, Alternate Delegate to the ENYSSA and three (3) Trustees will be elected for two-year terms in **EVEN** years.
- E. Except as noted below, candidates for Executive Board positions must declare their interest to the Nominating Committee by May 1st of each year. This rule will be waived should there be no candidates for a particular position or in instances when an unsuccessful candidate for one position wishes to run for a lower position. The Nominating Committee will announce the slate of candidates and positions at the May Committee and the May General meetings. Candidates do not have to be present at the AGM in order to be elected. Unfilled positions on the slate may be contested by write-in candidates at the Annual General Meeting.

7. Presidential Assignments

- A.** The President will assign the chairman of the Arbitration Committee and the Chairman of the Appeals Committee who will supervise all activities of these Committees. The Chairman and members of these Committees shall step down on any case in which the President deems there to be a conflict of interest. These Committees shall meet as necessary to dispose of all disciplinary matters.
- B.** The President will assign the Chairman of the Rules Committee who will supervise all activities of the Rules Committee. They shall be the interpreter of the rules. The Rules committee shall meet as necessary to examine any proposed rule changes and make the necessary recommendations.
- C.** The President will assign a League Historian who will prepare and maintain a log of events.
- D.** The President will assign a Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee who will supervise all activities of such committee, including the nomination, election, and induction of Hall of Fame members. Since 2013 the LISFL has established a Hall of Fame to recognize the achievements of individuals associated with the LISFL. Induction into the Hall of Fame will be by vote of a committee of existing Hall of Fame members currently active on the LISFL Executive Board. The committee or any LISFL member club may make nominations.
- E.** The President will assign the Sergeant-at-Arms who will be familiar with Rosenberg's Rules and this constitution and will recommend and enforce discipline and take charge of ballots and voting at the Annual Meeting.
- F.** The President will consult with the Executive Board to review cases where severe illness, injury hardship or catastrophic occurrence has befallen a LISFL player or club official. The President shall make a recommendation to the general membership for the granting of a monetary disbursement, which is not to exceed \$1000.
- G.** The President will assign chairmen of other committees, as established from time to time. This shall include, but not limited to, Cup Chairman, Tournament Chairman, Coach of an All-Star team.

CHAPTER III – LEAGUE BODY

1. General Membership

The business of the LISFL shall be transacted by a General Membership consisting of the Executive Board of the LISFL and one delegate and/ or alternate delegate of each club of the league.

A. The name of the club delegate shall be submitted in writing at the Annual Meeting. Club officials listed in the directory or on the club registration form will be recognized as alternate delegates. Other changes in delegates or alternate delegates must be submitted in writing to the LISFL secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting to ensure voting and voice privileges.

B. General Membership Voting:

1. Except when elsewhere specifically excluded, the Officers of the league shall have one vote.

2. At monthly meetings the delegate or alternate delegate of each currently registered club shall have one vote. Clubs not

participating in regular full season divisions, such as inactive clubs and clubs participating solely in the under 23 divisions, will not receive a vote.

3. At the Annual General Meeting the delegate or alternate delegate of each club shall have one vote for each of its teams currently affiliated with the LISFL when voting for officers. However, when voting life membership and rule changes etc., it will revert to 1 club 1 vote, provided the Club has \$0 balance. Such clubs must remain in good standing and participate in our regular, full Season divisions. Inactive Clubs may vote subject to Chapter IV.2. Clubs participating solely in the under 23 division will not receive a vote.

4. Club delegates serving as officers of the league may elect to vote as a delegate or as an officer but not both.

5. Votes cannot be cast by proxy. Voters must be present at the meeting to cast the vote.

2. Monthly Membership Meetings

Monthly Membership meetings shall be held on the last Thursday of August, September, October, February, April and May except when a holiday interferes, in which case, the date will be changed by a vote at the prior Monthly Membership meeting. The time of the meeting is set at 8:30 P.M. Monthly Membership meetings may be held virtually at the discretion of the President.

3. Quorum

The meeting shall have a quorum when a majority of the voting members are present (clubs and life members). A majority of the quorum is required to enforce LISFL business.

4. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be in June or July. The Executive Board shall set the date and time of the AGM. The AGM shall be held in person, barring extraordinary circumstances.

5. Life Members

Life members who fail to attend at least **THREE** meetings (Monthly, Executive Board or AGM) within a rolling 12-month period will be placed in an inactive status and shall not have a vote at any subsequent Monthly Membership Meetings or AGM. Inactive life members will not be counted in the determination of a Quorum. Upon satisfaction of the three-meeting quota, such life member(s) will be returned to full life membership.

6. Emergency Meetings

Emergency meetings may be called by order of the President or upon request of the Executive Board. The rules of this constitution shall prevail at all Emergency meetings.

7. Visitors

Visitors may be granted the privilege of being present at the Annual or Monthly Membership Meetings but shall have no voice or vote.

8. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the league shall begin and end with the Annual General Meeting. All rules and regulations are in effect during the twelve months of the fiscal year.

9. Order of Business

The order of business for Monthly Membership Meetings shall be as follows unless changed by vote at the beginning of the meeting.

- (1) Roll call
- (2) Minutes of previous meeting
- (3) Communications
- (4) Unfinished business
- (5) Report of the chairmen of standing committees
- (6) Report of officers (treasurer last)
- (7) ENYSSA delegate's report
- (8) Report of auditors
- (9) Discharge of officers (at Annual General Meeting only)
- (10) Election of officers (at Annual General Meeting only)
- (11) Amendments to constitution and by-laws (at Annual General Meeting)
- (12) New business
- (13) Good and welfare
- (14) Adjournment

10. Roll Call

A roll call of the general meeting shall be conducted by the Secretary both at the start of each Monthly Membership Meeting and at the conclusion of the Meeting. Officers and delegates arriving more than 30 minutes after the first roll call or leaving before the second roll call shall be marked as absent.

11. Meeting Attendance

Clubs failing to send a delegate to the Monthly Membership Meeting will be fined and clubs failing to attend the Annual General Meeting will be fined as specified in Chapter XII. 3. F.

CHAPTER IV – MEMBERSHIP

NOTE: Membership of the league is restricted solely to the Executive Board and the league's member clubs. No individual coaches, players or managers are considered members of the league.

1. Annual Membership Requirements for All Clubs

A. Team Annual Dues:

Each club shall pay annual dues as listed in Rules, By-Laws, and Procedures.

2. Inactive Club

A club may maintain membership in this league without entering any teams for a maximum period of two consecutive seasons. The club must pay the full club annual membership fee for such seasons at the start of each season and shall receive **ONE** vote at only the Annual Meeting.

3. Entrance Requirements for New Clubs

A. Membership Application:

Applications for membership must be accompanied by a list of club officers, club colors, field name and directions, and League application fee as listed in Rules, By-Laws, and Procedures. This fee is non-refundable, but upon acceptance into the League, will be credited to the club's account. All applications for membership should be made prior to the Annual General Meeting to ensure that consideration for the coming season will be made. Voting on new club membership will be held at the AGM.

B. All applications submitted after the AGM will be considered for admission exclusively by the Executive Board.

C. Probation:

All new clubs entering the LISFL shall be on a three-year probation period.

CHAPTER V – GENERAL RULES

1. Constitutional Rule Changes

A. Permanent changes to these rules and regulations shall be made at the Annual General Meeting. Such changes shall require at least two-thirds (2/3) of all votes cast in order to become an official part of this constitution. Clubs must present all rule change proposals in writing, signed and seconded by an official of another club, to the Rules Chairman at or prior to, the regularly scheduled May meeting. Rule change proposals submitted by mail must be postmarked 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Rules Chairman shall send all such rule change proposals in writing to all affiliated clubs at least 15 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

B. Necessary changes (Minute Rules), which will expire at the beginning of the next Annual General Meeting, may be made to these rules with a 95% majority vote of the club delegates and life members, who constitute a quorum, and the names of the delegates and life members shall be recorded. (Abstentions shall be included in determining the quorum)

C. All constitutional rule changes shall be made by vote of club delegates and life members, but shall exclude votes of elected officers.

2. Open Constitutional Minute Rules:

None.