

# WAWASEE FOOTY CLUB, INC. BYLAWS

## ARTICLE 1 NAME

This organization shall be known as Wawasee Footy Club, Inc. (hereinafter "THE CLUB") and shall be affiliated with the Indiana Soccer Association, Inc. (hereinafter "ISA"), United States Youth Soccer Association (hereinafter "USYSA") and the United States Soccer Federation (hereinafter "USSF").

## ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE

THE ASSOCIATION shall develop, promote and administer a youth soccer club for players residing primarily in Indiana on behalf of teams, players, coaches, referees, parents and administrators consistent with the bylaws, policies and procedures of ISA, USYSA, USSF and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

## ARTICLE 3 OFFICES

The principal office of THE ASSOCIATION shall be located in the State of Indiana. The address of the resident agent of THE CLUB required by the Indiana Not-For-Profit Corporation Act of 1991 (hereinafter The Act) may be, but need not be, identical with the principal office of THE CLUB. The address of the principal office and the designation of the resident agent may be changed from time to time as authorized by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE 4 SEASONAL PLAYING YEAR AND FISCAL YEAR

The seasonal playing year of THE CLUB shall begin on the first day of September in each year and end on the last day of August in the following year. The Board of Directors shall determine the fiscal year.

## ARTICLE 5 MEMBERSHIP

THE CLUB will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender or national origin.

### 5.1 Members/Memberships

Membership in THE CLUB is comprised of:

1. Members who are Parent(s), Legal Guardians or legally identified Representatives of Players

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5.2-1 Definition: Members are Parent(s), legal Guardians or legally identified Representatives of a Player(s) registered with THE CLUB.

5.2-2 Adherence to Standards: Each Member who is a Parent(s), Legal Guardians or legally identified Representatives of a Player(s) will adhere to the Bylaws, policies and procedures of THE CLUB, and ISA, USYSA, USSF and USOC where applicable.

5.2-3 Voting Rights: Members who are Parent(s), Legal Guardians or Legally identified Representatives of Players, shall be non-voting members of THE CLUB.

### 5.3 Membership Meetings

5.3-1 Annual General Meeting of Members: THE CLUB shall have an annual general meeting of its members. The Board of Directors shall determine the date, time and location of that meeting. Written notification by: mail, e-mail, newsletter, or posting at the playing fields of the Club to all Members shall be made at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

5.3-2 Special Meetings: The Board of Directors may call a special meeting of the membership at any such time, as the Board of Directors deems necessary. Written notice of the meeting by: mail, e-mail, newsletter, or posting at the playing fields of the Club must be given to all Members at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the special meeting.

## ARTICLE 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6.1 General Authority: The business, property and affairs of the CLUB shall be managed and controlled by a Board of Directors as from time to time constituted. All authority of THE CLUB shall be vested in a Board of Directors unless specified otherwise in these bylaws. The Board of Directors is responsible for developing and enforcing the

bylaws, policies and activities of THE CLUB, including but not limited to decisions affecting membership status and appeals procedures. The Board of Directors may delegate responsibility for day-to-day operations associated with these activities.

6.2 Board Composition: There shall be a minimum of 3 (three) and no more than nine (9) Directors of THE CLUB, which number may from time to time be increased or decreased by resolution adopted by not less than a majority of the Board of Directors, subject to the limitation that the Board of Directors shall never be reduced to less than three (3) nor increased to more than nine (9) Directors. Except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws, all members of the Board of Directors shall have and be subject to the same and equal qualifications, rights, privileges, duties, limitations and restrictions.

6.3 Restrictions on Service on Board of Directors:

A. No person convicted of a felony within the previous ten (10) years may serve as a member of the Board. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, in no event shall a person serve as a member of the Board if he or she has been convicted of a sex crime; a crime involving the sale, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance; robbery; murder; perjury; burglary or a crime involving the abuse of a child. Any person who is charged with a criminal act shall be suspended from the Board pending outcome of the charges.

B. Any person missing 4 consecutive regularly scheduled Board meetings or 6 regularly scheduled Board meetings in any preceding 12 months, shall be deemed to have immediately resigned as a member of the Board. Furthermore, the Board may remove or dismiss from office any appointed or elected member of the Board for reasonable cause by due process followed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws and subject to the rules of ISA, USYSA, USOC and USSF.

C. The authority to determine breaches of duties of care, loyalty or candor shall rest with the Board. Generally, no Board member may financially gain as a result of any activity of the Board, or be associated with any company or organization contracting or doing business or potentially in conflict with THE CLUB in any form, unless the Board member has provided full disclosure of the potential conflict, and after providing full disclosure, is received, is authorized, and approved or ratified to continue his/her service as a Board member, by a majority of non-interested members of the Board.

6.4 Meetings

6.4-1 Regular Meetings: The Board shall hold regular meetings at least once each calendar quarter. The Chairperson shall determine the date, time, and location of these meetings and give reasonable notice of the meetings. Reasonable notice as it relates to "regular meetings" shall mean not less than seven (7) business days. Such notice shall include but not be limited to the agenda, date, time and place of the meeting. If the meeting is by a means other than in person, the notice shall also include the means by which the membership may observe the meeting.

6.4-2 Special Meetings: Meetings for a special purpose may be called by the Chairperson or upon written application by one quarter of the Directors. A minimum twenty four (24) hour notice of meetings for a special purpose shall be given and this notice shall state the purpose.

6.4-3 Written Consents In Lieu Of Meetings: Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board may be taken without a meeting if, prior to such action, a written consent thereto is signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board (either on a single document or in counterparts), and such written consent is filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board.

6.4-4 Teleconferencing: A Board Member(s) may participate in any meeting by, or conduct any meeting through the use of, any means of communication by which all Directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting.

6.4-5 Meeting Minutes: Minutes of all meetings shall be maintained in the corporate minute books, which may be stored electronically.

## 6.5 Quorum and Voting Requirements

6.5-1 Quorum: A quorum, consisting of the majority of the Board, must be present during Board meetings in order to conduct business.

6.5-2 Votes: A member of the Board shall have one (1) vote.

6.5-3 Vote Required: A simple majority vote of the Board shall be required for any action of the Board, unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws.

## 6.6 Officers

The Officers of THE CLUB shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers shall be elected by vote of the Board of Directors following the Annual General Meeting. All officers of THE CLUB shall be residents of Indiana, unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws.

6.6-1 President: The President of THE CLUB shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

A. To oversee and coordinate the activities of THE CLUB, the Board of Directors, and designee(s) of the Board of Directors.

B. To preside at all Board and membership meetings.

C. To serve (or delegate to other Board members to serve) as an ex-officio member of all THE CLUB'S committees, except the Nominating Committee.

D. To appoint special or ad hoc committees, subject to Board approval.

E. To sign money disbursements made in the name of THE CLUB.

F. To appoint, subject to ratification by the Board, Chairs and other members of all standing committees, except where otherwise provided.

G. To perform all other duties as shall be necessary to promote and uphold the welfare of soccer and to positively affect "the good of the game" within the State of Indiana.

6.6-2 Vice President: The Vice President of THE CLUB shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

A. To assume the duties of the President in the case of the resignation of the Chairperson until the next Annual General Meeting following the resignation or during a temporary absence; or during the inability of the President to perform the functions of that office.

B. To sign money disbursements made in the name of THE CLUB.

C. Act as Registrar, which shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

C-1.1. To be responsible for the registration of THE CLUB'S members and the certification thereof.

C-1.2. To be responsible for enforcing all State and National Rules, Bylaws, and policies and procedures governing player registration and team assignment.

C-1.3. To be responsible for the storage and maintenance of records of THE CLUB regarding the registration of teams and players within THE CLUB, and ensure the confidentiality of player information.

C-1.4. Inform THE CLUB of the activities of the ISA as it relates to tournaments, clinics, rule changes, and other matters of interest to THE CLUB

6.6-3 Secretary: The Secretary of THE CLUB shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

A. To oversee communication between THE CLUB and its Members to insure that all are kept informed of the activities of THE CLUB.

B. To maintain the official records of THE CLUB.

C. To be responsible for recording the minutes of all THE CLUB'S meetings except for committee meetings and to report such actions taken at these meetings to all Club Members.

D. To be responsible for informing members of meetings, handling correspondence of THE CLUB, and carrying out such other duties as shall be delegated.

E. To sign money disbursements made in the name of THE CLUB.

6.6-4 Treasurer: The Treasurer of THE CLUB shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- A. To ensure the sound financial operation of THE CLUB.
- B. To oversee the financial (including budget process) policies and procedures for THE CLUB.
- C. To sign money disbursements made in the name of THE CLUB.
- D. To present a statement of account at every regular meeting of THE CLUB or the Board and at other times when requested by the Board and make a full report at the Annual General Meeting.
- E. To serve as Chair of the Finance Committee.

6.6-5 Additional Coordination duties and responsibilities filled by members of the Board or by designee(s) of the Board of Directors, as from time to time, that may be, or become necessary:

A. Club Education Coordinator. Coordinate the educational aspects of the club including but not limited to parents, coaches, referees and administrators.

B. Communications. Coordinate CLUB communications to parents, players, and potential members. Coordinate player Registration; Select dates/locations and enlist volunteers to conduct registration; Maintain web site; Publish newsletter; Review all forms, letterhead, and public documents to ensure consistencies and compliance with sponsorship agreements.

C. Coaching Education. Coordinate educational clinics for CLUB coaches and recreational and travel leagues; Recruit and approve all coaches within the CLUB; Investigate coaching concerns; Sit on disciplinary committee for coaching matters; Schedule state licensing classes;

D. Referee Coordinator Oversee all referee issues; Acquire and assign referees for all scheduled games; Pay referee fees; Provide opportunities for referee courses, both by THE CLUB and licensed programs..

E. Tournament Coordinator. Coordinate all aspects of CLUB tournaments and other travel and Rec. tournaments.

F. Supplies/Equipment. Responsible to: Purchase uniforms and equipment, including trophies/awards for the league; Arrange for pictures to be taken and distributed; Ensure uniform fees are collected from teams/players; Order/manage playing equipment. Review Travel uniforms every two years.

G. Risk Management. Coordinate all aspects of CLUB Risk Management; including annual background checks on all coaches, managers, board members, and primary committee members. Review CLUB operations and brings to the attention of the Board any potential risks and liability. Provide safety guidelines to each league for inclusion in coaching materials, including lightning, goal safety, first aid. Work with Treasurer to ensure CLUB assets are adequately insured and liability exposure is limited.

H. Fund Raising. Develop and implement sponsorship program; Solicit logo sponsorships on uniforms; Solicit major sponsorships to underwrite CLUB costs, including programs, trophies, and referee expenses; Work with Capital Campaign Committee to raise capital for field development and operation.

#### 6.7. Executive Committee

The officers serve as the members of the Executive Committee. The Board of Directors may authorize the executive committee to act on its behalf from time to time. In such cases, the executive committee will only retain such power and authority as specifically directed by the Board of Directors. After the terms of the original Executive Committee runs as outlined below, officer elections shall be held yearly. There are no term limits on the Executive Committee officers.

#### 6.8 Terms of Office

Directors of THE CLUB shall take office at the close of the meeting at which they are elected by the Membership at the applicable Annual General Meeting, or immediately upon appointment by the Board in order to fill a vacancy. Directors shall serve two-year staggered terms of office. Approximately one-half (50%) of Directors, in order to provide for staggered terms, will be elected each year. An initial term schedule, approved by the board of directors, will be used to establish staggered terms. Directors may not serve more than three (3) consecutive full terms, unless otherwise determined by majority vote of the Board.

6.8-1 The original Board of Directors consisting of the members executing these By-Laws shall be members and part of the Executive Committee for no less than 3 years, with the President and Secretary up for election for year 4, and Vice President and Treasurer up for election for year 5.

6.8-2 All original Board of Directors consisting of the members executing these By-Laws may continue in an advisory capacity upon the conclusion of their 3<sup>rd</sup> term.

#### 6.9 Vacancies

Vacancies during the term of any Director shall be filled by appointment by the President, subject to ratification by a simple majority vote by the Board. However, the Vice President shall fill a vacancy in the Office of the President and the Board will then elect a new Vice President. Any person appointed to fill a Director vacancy shall serve for the balance of the term of the vacating Director.

#### 6.10 Nominations and Elections

Each year at the Annual General Meeting, all Directors positions needing to be filled will be elected in accordance with these Bylaws. The Nominating Committee shall present a list of proposed candidates for each position to the members at least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the membership. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a ballot of Directors for consideration by the members at the Annual General Meeting, which shall include at least one (1) name for each position to be filled. The elections of Directors shall occur at the Annual General Meeting by secret ballot. Each Director shall be elected by a simple majority vote of those members present and voting, provided that a quorum of members is first determined to be present.

#### 6.11 Committees

Committees. The Board of Directors may create one or more committees and appoint members of the Board of Directors to serve on them. Each committee may have two or more members, who serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. The creation of a committee and appointment of members to the committee must be approved by a simple majority of the directors then in office unless a higher percentage or number of director's approval is required for other action by the directors under these Bylaws. The provisions of the Act which govern meetings, action without meetings, notice, waiver of notice, and quorum and voting requirements of the board of directors apply to committees and their members as well. To the extent specified by the Board of Directors or these Bylaws, each committee may exercise the authority of the Board of Directors under the Act.

### ARTICLE 7 INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Indiana, every person (and the heirs estate, executors, administrators and personal representatives of such person) who is or was a Director, officer of paid staff of THE CLUB shall be indemnified by the Corporation as provided in the act.

### ARTICLE 8 PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

*Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, most recent edition, shall govern THE CLUB in all cases where they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order THE CLUB may adopt, as well as Indiana law.

### ARTICLE 9 AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors in office.

### ARTICLE 10 EXEMPT STATUS

Any and all assets of THE CLUB are permanently dedicated to exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of future laws). THE CLUB shall not be operated for pecuniary profit and shall have no capital stock and shall make no distribution of dividends to its members, Directors, officers or persons having a private interest in the activities of THE CLUB, except that THE CLUB shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Bylaws. No substantial part of the activities of THE CLUB shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and THE CLUB shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution or statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. In the event THE CLUB is dissolved, the Board shall pay, satisfy and discharge all liabilities and obligations of THE CLUB or make adequate provisions therefore

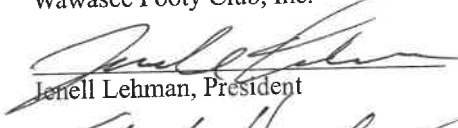
and distribute all remaining assets of THE CLUB to an organization or organizations engaged in activities substantially similar to those of THE CLUB and organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at that time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of future laws).

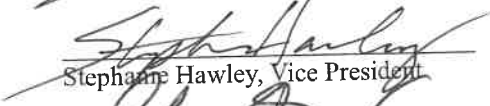
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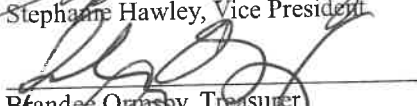
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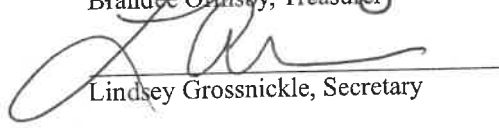
The foregoing is adopted as the Bylaws of Wawasee Footy Club, Inc. as of the 11 day of JUNE, 2024.

Wawasee Footy Club, Inc.

  
Jenell Lehman, President

  
Stephanie Hawley, Vice President

  
Brandee Ormsby, Treasurer

  
Lindsey Grossnickle, Secretary

constituting all of the directors  
of the corporation