

Hanover Soccer Club Constitution

Article I - Name

Section 1 The name of this organization will be the Hanover Soccer Club.

Section 2 The organization will be incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Article II – Purpose

Section 1 The purpose of this organization is to promote, foster and perpetuate youth soccer providing the youth of the Hanover area the opportunity to experience the game, learn and develop soccer skills, and participate in a controlled, competitive environment.

Section 2 This organization shall be a non-profit, non-political, and non-sectarian public educational soccer program.

Section 3 This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, national origin, or religion.

Section 4 This organization shall promote sportsmanship and character to its players and coaches.

Section 5 This organization shall promote the laws of the United States Youth Soccer Association and the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association (EPYSA), and uphold the rules and regulations established by this organization.

Article III – Board of Directors

Section 1 The business of the organization shall be managed and conducted by the Board of Directors.

- a) The Board shall consist of a President, 1st Vice President (travel), 2nd Vice President (intramural), Treasurer, Secretary, and those other members as enumerated in Article II of the club's by-laws.
- b) Elected executive officers consist of President, 1st Vice President (travel), 2nd Vice President (intramural), Treasurer, & Secretary.
- c) Elected and appointed officers must be members in good standing of the organization and shall serve for a term of 2 years beginning July 1st through June 30th.
- d) Elected officers need to have an affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority of the membership present at a general BUSINESS meeting. A quorum must be present at this General meeting (see BY-LAWS Article IV Section 4).

Section 2 The Board of Directors may not consist of more than twenty (20) voting representatives. A quorum of the Board shall be more than fifty percent

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(50%) of the executive board and twenty (20%) percent of the non-elected (appointed) board members shall pass any motion unless provided otherwise hereinafter. The Board may execute all powers of the organization as authorized by statute.

Section 3

Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by appointment by the President to fill the remainder of the unexpired term upon approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 4

TERM LIMITS:

- a) There will be a (three) 3 consecutive term limit for elected officers.
- b) An elected officer may request in writing on an annual basis to stay on under a current officer position until either:
 - a. a fifty percent (50%) or more majority vote of the Board votes in the negative toward this stay of appointment, or
 - b. another member of the board expresses interest in the position and requests a vote of the board.
- c) If another person expresses interest, then an open vote of the Board and a FIFTY PERCENT (50%) or more majority vote of the Board in the affirmative is necessary toward this change of appointment.
- d) Term limits are position specific and rest with a change in position

Section 5

The members of the governing body are: Immediate Past President, President, 1st Vice President (travel), 2nd Vice President (intramural), Treasurer, Secretary, Referee Coordinator, Intramural Coaches Coordinator, Intramural Registrar, Travel Coaches Coordinators (Boys & Girls), Travel Registrars(Boys & Girls), Player/Parent Representative, Community Representative, and Internet Coordinator. Their powers and authority will be determined by the By-Laws (ARTICLE II).

Section 6

The meetings of the Board may be held at such times and places as selected by the Board and will be governed by the appropriate sections in Article IV of the club's by-laws.

Section 7

The Board may delegate such powers and authority as it determines appropriate to committees appointed by the Board.

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Article IV - Members

Section 1

All parents/guardians of youths participating in the Hanover Soccer Club programs, all coaches, coordinators and committee members shall be voting members of this organization. Each family is entitled to 1 vote at the general meeting.

Section 2

Attendance at Meetings:

- a) Members are entitled to attend and, subject to rules and procedures, comment at any general meeting of board meeting, provided they notify a member of the executive board of directors at least five (5) days prior to the meeting date.
- b) Member comments may be limited in time and scope. Determination will be made by the presiding officer at the time of the member's request to speak.
- c) Executive board of directors sessions are not open to the public.

Article V – Meetings

Section 1

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

Section 2

Meeting agendas will be determined in accordance with the club's by-laws, Article IV, Section 7

Article VI – Amendments

Section 1

- a) Amendments to the By-Laws or Constitution may be adopted, amended, or repealed by the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the general membership present and cast thereon at any regular scheduled meeting, AFTER review and preapproval by the Board of Directors. Notice of the impending amendment must be given to the Board of Directors TEN (10) days prior to the next regularly scheduled board meeting.
- b) Only those amendments pre-approved by the Board of Directors, in advance of the General Meeting, shall be presented to the general membership for adoption, amendment, or repeal.
- c) Notice of the impending amendment must be given to the general membership THIRTY (30) days prior to the next regularly scheduled membership meeting.
- d) Such amendment should become effective at the adjournment of the meeting.
- e) Constitution amendments should only be made by the general membership at the General Meeting.

Article VII – Dissolution

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Section 1

Upon dissolution of the organization, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the league, dispose of the assets of the league in such a manner as to reflect a like purpose provided said league qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.