

ILLOWA YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the ILLOWA YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE (known hereafter as ILLOWA) is to promote sportsmanship and fair play and provide an opportunity for young soccer players to develop their skills through a higher level of competition. ILLOWA is established as a Not-For-Profit organization for the benefit of the youth of the area.

II. FOUNDERS

ILLOWA was founded by the East Moline - Silvis Soccer Club (EMSSC). Charter Member Clubs are the EMSSC, Rock Island Travelino Team Club, Moline Soccer Club, Bettendorf Soccer Association, Davenport Strikers, Davenport Soccer Association, Geneseo Soccer Club, Scott County Storm, and Mississippi Valley Soccer Club.

III. OPERATIONAL YEAR

The league will operate from August 1 through July 31 annually.

IV. AFFILIATIONS

ILLOWA shall be an affiliated league of, and comply with the authority of Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA), the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), and the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA).

V. OFFICERS

The officers of the league will consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, and Head Referee. All officers will be elected by the membership of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting.

In the event of a mid-year vacancy in an officer's position, the President will preside over the committee to fill the vacancy. The selected candidate will be presented to the Board of Directors, and must be confirmed by a majority vote of the membership. In the event of a

vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President and subsequently present a candidate to the Board of Directors for confirmation to fill the Vice President's position.

VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. MEMBERS. The Illowa Board of Directors consists of its executive officers and a representative director appointed by each Club.
 - a. Clubs will qualify for membership in a given organizational year if in the previous organizational year they registered at least three (3) teams for play in EACH season during that year.
 - b. The membership may also elect 1 or more Director(s) At-Large to represent the affiliate teams and organizations not entitled to a vote as a regular member. The number of At-Large representatives will be determined at the annual meeting and must be approved by a vote of 2/3 of the voting membership.

- B. AUTHORITY. Members of the Illowa Board of Directors shall have the authority to adopt, interpret, amend and enforce rules and penalties in accordance with the organization's Constitution and Bylaws.

- C. TERM OF OFFICE. Members of the Illowa Board of Directors shall serve one year terms beginning at the Annual Meeting and ending with the Annual meeting in the following year.

Members of the Illowa Board of Directors may serve consecutive terms, and may continue to serve for as long as they are designated as representatives by their member organizations.

VII. MEETINGS

- A. ANNUAL MEETING. An annual meeting shall be called by the President and take place in July or August each year.
 - a. The purpose of the annual meeting shall be to establish a budget, consider amendments to operating rules, bylaws and the constitution, and to designate as necessary an alternate representative to the IYSA.

- B. REGULAR MEETINGS. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors will be scheduled by the President.
 - a. There shall be at least one regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be conducted in December or January each year. A second regular meeting should be scheduled in July or August each year, and can be conducted in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.
- C. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President as necessary.
 - a. Directors will be notified at least 15 days in advance of any special meeting.

VIII. VOTING

- A. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION. The ILLOWA constitution may be amended by a vote of at least 2/3 of the Directors present at an annual, regular, or special meeting of the organization with at least 60% of the current members present.
- B. AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS. The ILLOWA bylaws may be amended by a vote of at least 50% of the Directors present at an annual, regular or special meeting of the organization with at least 60% of the current members present.
- C. PLAYING RULES. League Playing Rules may be adopted by a vote of at least 50% of the Directors present at an annual, regular or special meeting of the organization with at least 60% of the current members present.
- D. VOTING RIGHTS. Each member of the Board of Directors (regular and executive committee) shall have one vote in the business of the organization.
- E. VOTING PROXIES. Voting proxies will be accepted at meetings of the Board of Directors only in such cases where those proxies have been communicated in advance of the meeting to a member of the executive committee.

IX. PLAYING RULES

ILLOWA will play all games according to the "Laws of the Game" as approved by FIFA each year. Exceptions may be approved by a vote of at least 50% of the Directors present at an annual, regular or special meeting of the organization with at least 60% of the current members

present as allowed by the Laws of the Game.

X. PLAYING DIVISIONS

Playing divisions will be determined annually based on registrations and FIFA age criteria. They may include boys and/or girls divisions from U-8 to U-19.

XI. DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of ILLOWA and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Board of Directors shall distribute the property of the league to any other organization maintaining a purpose similar to that set forth herein.

XII. PROVISIO

Any matter not covered by this Constitution or By-Laws shall be left to the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Duly approved this day _____, _____ by a vote of the undersigned Board of Directors:

President _____

Vice President _____

Treasurer _____

Recording Secretary _____

Registrar _____

Other executive director _____