

## **CLASSIC LEAGUE CONSTITUTION**

**The Classic League is a competitive soccer playing league sponsored by the Chamber Classic Soccer Alliance, Inc., which is affiliated with and sanctioned by the North Texas State Soccer Association.**

**Each person having any responsibility whatsoever for a team either participating in the Classic League or desiring to participate in the Classic League is responsible for reading and understanding the Constitution and Bylaws of the Classic League.**

**The Constitution and Bylaws of the Classic League were written for the benefit of the league and its players. While these documents are intended to be comprehensive and thorough, it should be understood that not all situations, circumstances and events can be anticipated and therefore covered precisely. Further, it is recognized that on occasion conflicting statements may occur. In the event of conflict, the Constitution shall control. It shall be the firm policy of the League Directors of the Classic League in resolving any conflicts in the Bylaws of the Classic League to exercise its authority to override and/or amend the Bylaws of the Classic League in keeping with their intent and purpose.**

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CONSTITUTION  
(As Adopted July 2023)**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

The name of this soccer league is the Classic League (“Classic League”).

**ARTICLE II**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Classic League is an invitational youth soccer league formed for the purpose of fostering and advancing the highest level of competitive soccer in North Texas. The mission of the Classic League is to provide a select soccer program in a safe environment by providing the best referees on quality fields, with a fair and comprehensive schedule. The purpose is also to promote the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty and courage through fair play in an organized athletic competition so that players develop both soccer and life skills for advancement.

**ARTICLE III**

**QUALIFICATION**

The Classic League is open to all teams wishing to compete in competitive soccer, subject to such competitive selection process as adopted by the Classic League Board. Because the Classic League is an invitational league, qualification and continued participation therein is subject to the discretion of the Classic League Board and the Club Coaches Committee, as provided in Article XI hereof. Teams need not register through the Chamber Classic Soccer Alliance, Inc. (the “Alliance”), but may register through any soccer or other member association or similar organization as long as it is sanctioned by the North Texas State Soccer Association (the “NTSSA”) or similar sanctioning or administrative organizations.

**ARTICLE IV**

**LOCATION**

The headquarters for the Classic League is the same as the headquarters of the Alliance.

**ARTICLE V**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

The Classic League will have members (the “Members”), both voting and non-voting, as provided below. The Classic League will not discriminate in any manner against any person on account of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or age.

1. The Classic League voting Members will consist of:
  - a. The voting members of the Classic League Board.
  - b. Members of the Club Coaches Committee (at Club Coaches Committee meetings).
2. The Classic League non-voting Members (upon payment of required fees and completion and timely delivery of such forms as are required by the Classic League or the Alliance) will consist of:
  - a. Each team currently participating in and in good standing with the Classic League;
  - b. Each individual in good standing with the Classic League and currently rostered on any team referenced above in clause 2.a above (rostered players, coaches and managers); and
  - c. Non-voting members of the Classic League Board.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**GOVERNMENT**

**Board of League Directors**

The Classic League will be governed by a Board of League Directors (the “Classic League Board”) as set forth in the By-laws of the Classic League. The Classic League Board will be responsible to the Alliance for proper operation of the Classic League and will consist of both (a) members of an executive committee thereof (the “Executive Committee”) and (b) ex- officio Directors. The Chairman of the Classic League Board (“Classic League Chairman”) will be elected by the Club Coaches Committee, as provided below, for a term of two (2) years and may be re-elected for subsequent two (2) year terms (provided the term of office of the Classic League Chairman will extend until election of a new Classic League Chairman by the Club Coaches Committee, as provided below). The Classic League Chairman will also be the Chairman of the

Executive Committee. The Club Coaches Committee will elect a voting member of the Classic League Board and the other members of the Classic League Board will be appointed by the Classic League Chairman, in each case as provided below (each a "Classic League Director"). Each Classic League Director will serve for a term of one (1) year and may serve for successive terms.

Any Classic League Director who was selected by the Classic League Chairman and who has three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from Classic League Board meetings may, at the discretion of the Classic League Chairman, have his office declared vacant.

The Classic League Board will (a) adopt Bylaws and procedures for conducting the business of the Classic League and playing rules and administrative rules and procedures with regard to all aspects of the Classic League, (b) have the duties and responsibilities set forth in Article VIII, (c) consist of Executive Committee members and ex-officio League Directors as set forth in the Bylaws and (d) meet as specified in Article IX.

The Classic League Board will submit to the Club Coaches Committee at the Annual Meeting of the Club Coaches Committee an annual report of the work and finances of the Classic League and such report will be made available to any interested party.

### **Club Coaches Committee**

The Classic League Club Coaches Committee will consist of the Director of Coaching (DOC) and any other coaches from each soccer club in good standing and participating in the Classic League for the current season. A soccer club is defined as any soccer organization or affiliated group of teams having one or more soccer teams presently participating in the Classic League (as determined by the Classic League Board). Club DOC or designee shall have the voting authority as follows:

- Clubs with 1 - 6 teams in the Classic League = 1 vote
- Clubs with 7 - 12 teams in the Classic League = 2 votes
- Clubs with 13 - 18 teams in the Classic League = 3 votes
- Clubs with 19 - 24 teams in the Classic League = 4 votes
- Clubs with 25 teams or more in the Classic League = 5 votes

1/3 of total votes will equal a quorum for a Club Coaches Meeting.

A chairman of the Club Coaches Committee will be selected from the Club Coaches at the first meeting each fiscal year of the Club Coaches Committee (the "Annual Meeting"). The chairman of the Club Coaches Committee will be a voting League Director of the Classic League Board. The Club Coaches Committee will, at its Annual Meeting, meet with the Classic League Board for the purpose of discussing the various issues affecting the direction and policy of the Classic League.

### **Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the Classic League will correspond to that of the Alliance.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES**

#### **Classic League Chairman**

At the Annual Meeting of the Club Coaches Committee held in August at the beginning of the soccer fiscal year, the Club Coaches Committee shall elect a new Classic League Chairman (or re-elect the existing Classic League Chairman) for a two-year term, whose election must then be submitted to the Board of Directors of the Alliance for approval. In the event a quorum cannot be made at said meeting, electronic communication will be deemed acceptable in this election process.

The Club Coaches Committee may fill any vacancy in the position of Classic League Chairman by election of a new or replacement Classic League Chairman at a special meeting of the Club Coaches Committee called for that purpose on not less than ten (10) days' notice, unless a shorter period is authorized in writing by the Board of Directors of the Alliance. Such special meeting of the Club Coaches Committee to fill any vacancy in the position of Chairman must be held promptly after the occurrence of such vacancy. In the interim, pending election of a new Chairman by the Club Coaches Committee, the existing Executive Committee of the Classic League may select an interim Chairman to serve in such position until such time as the Club Coaches Committee has elected a new Chairman. The election of any new or replacement Chairman and the interim Chairman is subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Alliance.

#### **Club Coaches Committee Chairman**

The Club Coaches Committee shall elect a chairman of its committee (as provided by Article VI) who will be a voting League Director of the Classic League Board.

The Club Coaches Committee may fill any vacancy of its committee chairmanship by election of a new or replacement chairman at a special meeting called for that purpose on not less than ten (10) days' notice. The Chairman of the Classic League Board may call a special meeting of the Club Coaches Committee for this purpose or any other purpose. Such special meeting of the Club Coaches Committee to elect a new or replacement chairman of the Club Coaches Committee will be held promptly after the occurrence of such vacancy. In the interim, the Chairman of the Classic League Board may appoint an interim chairman of the Club Coaches Committee, pending election of the new or replacement chairman by the Club Coaches Committee.

#### **Other League Directors**

The Classic League Chairman will fill all other League Director positions of the Classic League (and any vacancies) by appointment. All League Directors so appointed will be submitted to the Club Coaches Committee for review (to the extent reasonably practical, prior to such

appointment).

### **Election of Officers**

The various officers of the Classic League, as provided in the Classic League Bylaws, will be appointed by the Classic League Chairman from among the League Directors chosen by the Classic League Chairman for the ensuing year (other than the chairman of the Club Coaches Committee who is elected as provided above). All League Directors and officers so appointed or elected will be submitted to the Club Coaches Committee of the Classic League for review and comment, and to the Board of Directors of the Alliance for final approval and ratification.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **Classic League Board**

The Classic League Board will have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Make all policy decisions regarding Classic League operations.
2. Establish sponsors' fees, team fees, and players' fees and other fees for the Classic League.
3. Represent the Classic League at the Parks Department and any other official agency in conjunction with the Alliance.
4. Approve the Classic League budget. Approve all expenditures not included in the Classic League budget.
5. Establish, administer and enforce Classic League Bylaws and Classic League playing and administrative rules, regulations, procedures and policies.
6. Hear and decide upon appeals of decisions of the Classic League A&D Committee.
7. Oversee the day-to-day operations of the Classic League.
8. Review, oversee and approve or disapprove any actions taken by the Classic League Executive Committee.

## **Club Coaches Committee**

The Club Coaches Committee will have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Elect the Classic League Chairman, who shall serve as the Chairman of the Classic League Board, as provided by Article VI.
2. Give input and advice to the Classic League Board of League Directors.
3. Review and comment upon (a) proposed rule changes (unless otherwise determined by the Classic League Board) and (b) new or prospective appointees to the Classic League Board.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **MEETINGS**

#### **Board Meetings**

Monthly meetings of the Classic League Board will be held on the first Wednesday of each month, unless an alternate time is decided upon by the Classic League Chairman, for the purpose of conducting normal business. A quorum of the Classic League Board is required to transact business. The Executive Committee may meet as often as reasonably necessary, as determined by the Chairman. A quorum of the Executive Committee is required to transact business.

Except where a longer notice period is required, special meetings of the Classic League Board or the Executive Committee may be called with not less than twenty-four (24) hours written notice by the Chairman, a petition signed by ten (10) voting League Directors of the Classic League Board, or the Chairman or President of the Alliance, briefly indicating the nature, date, time and the place of such special meeting.

#### **Club Coaches Committee Meetings**

The Club Coaches Committee will hold its Annual Meeting in August at the beginning of the soccer fiscal year as set forth in Article VI, and additional general meetings may be held periodically thereafter at the discretion of the chairman of the Club Coaches Committee. In addition, special meetings of the Club Coaches Committee may be called upon not less than forty-eight (48) hours written notice by the chairman of the Club Coaches Committee, the Classic League Chairman, the President or Chairman of the Alliance or upon a petition signed by not less than 10% of all Club Coaches (in each case briefly indicating the nature, date, time and place of such special meeting).

## **Quorum**

For all meetings of the Classic League Board, a quorum will consist of ten (10) of the voting League Directors (provided however, in the absence of any Age Division Commissioner, the Deputy Age Division Commissioner for such age division will serve as a voting alternate for the absent Age Division Commissioner). A quorum at any meeting of the Executive Committee will consist of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee (not counting any Executive Committee position that is currently vacant). Except as provided below, a quorum at any special or annual meeting of the Club Coaches Committee will consist of representatives of 40% of the Clubs participating in and in good standing with the Classic League. For any special meeting called to remove a Classic League Board Member, in accordance with Article XI, a quorum will consist of representatives of 60% of the Clubs participating in and in good standing with the Classic League.

## **General Membership Meetings**

Although there is no requirement for any general meetings of the Members of the Classic League, the Classic League Chairman, upon such notice as he determines appropriate, may call a general meeting of the Members of the Classic League (or any portion thereof), briefly indicating the nature, date, time and place of such special meeting. No quorum is required for such meeting and no business shall be transacted at such meeting (non-binding votes may be taken with regard to particular issues).

## **ARTICLE X**

### **REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS/OFFICERS**

At any properly called meeting of the Club Coaches Committee, held on not less than ten (10) days' notice (unless a shorter period is authorized in writing by the Chairman of the Classic League Board), any League Director, including the Classic League Chairman, may be removed on a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the attending eligible voters. Absentee voting is not permitted.

In addition, the Classic League Chairman may remove any of his appointees, if approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Classic League Board. Upon removal of a League Director, the office shall be considered vacant and filled as otherwise provided in this Constitution.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **EXPULSION OF MEMBERS**

Recognizing that the Classic League is an invitational league, at any special meeting of the Club Coaches Committee, any club, team, coach, other club or team representative, or other Member of the Classic League may (1) be expelled, (2) have his, hers or its membership forfeited, and/or (3) be specifically not invited back to participate or be prohibited from participating in any Classic League play or other activities. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the attending voting members of the Club Coaches Committee is required to take such action.



Absentee voting is not permitted and only one (1) club may be represented by any one (1) person. In addition, as provided in the Bylaws, **(a)** any team, coach, other team representative, player, spectator or other Member of the Classic League may **(1)** be expelled, **(2)** have his, her or its membership forfeited, and/or **(3)** be specifically not invited back to participate or be prohibited from participating in any league play or other activities by the Classic League Board and **(b)** any team, coach, other team representative, player, spectator or other Member of the Classic League may be suspended from league play or other league activities by the Classic League A&D Committee.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **APPLICATION OF ALLIANCE ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENTS**

To the extent any provisions of this Constitution are inconsistent with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or the By-Laws of the Alliance, the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Alliance shall control.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **AMENDMENTS**

The Classic League Constitution may be amended by the Classic League Board at any regular or special meeting, provided at least ten (10) days' notice of the proposed amendment(s), briefly indicating its nature, has been delivered in writing to each member of the Board and provided that the amendment(s) be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board members present at such meeting.