

NYMWSL Constitution

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Constitution for the NYMWSL

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- I. **ARTICLE I: NAME**
- a. The name of this organization shall be the NEW YORK METROPOLITAN WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE (NYMWSL), and it will be known as the "League" for all purposes hereinafter set forth. It was founded on March 27, 1978, under the name New York Women's Soccer League. The founder teams were the Meteors, Super F., New York Women's Soccer Club, H.B. Kickers and the Hurricanes. The headquarters of this League shall be within the five boroughs of New York City and all general meetings shall be held there.
- II. **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**
- a. NYMWSL provides adult women opportunities to play soccer in an amateur setting. The specific objectives and purpose of this organization shall be:
- To promote and maintain a high quality of amateur soccer competition for women, especially in the New York City Metropolitan Area;
 - To sponsor, host, and/or participate in events and activities that promote women's soccer;
 - To be affiliated with the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and ENYSSA.
- III. **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP**
- a. Any properly constituted team/club, as defined below, may become a member of the League if all requirements for membership are met, and the League, through a majority decision of the Executive Committee, finds that such membership would be in the best interest of the League and soccer in general. All applications for membership shall be sent to the Registrar accompanied by team name, name, address and telephone number of the team manager and the appropriate fees as specified in the New Team Form.
- b. A properly constituted team shall be defined by the GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- c. Each member team/club in good standing shall at any League General Meeting have two (2) votes on any given issue brought before the membership at the meeting.
- d. New Teams/clubs must deposit the appropriate fee in the League's Treasury on or before the Annual Meeting. No deposit is necessary for new additional teams belonging to an existing club.
- e. Teams/clubs which transfer their membership from other leagues to this League shall be required to present a written release by their former league.
- f. In case two member teams/clubs merge to form one new team/club, the merged team/club shall be responsible for all obligations incurred to the League under these rules by both old teams.
- IV. **ARTICLE V: JURISDICTION**
- a. This League shall have jurisdiction over all member club/teams, fields, players and coaches affiliated within. Each member club/team and player, and coach will adhere to the Constitution, By-Laws, [Code of Conduct](#), Rules and Regulations of this League and will comply with its authority.
- V. **ARTICLE VI: VOTING**
- a. The League shall be governed by the teams constituting the members. Each team shall be represented by two duly appointed delegates, which shall be listed as the Official representatives on the team roster. Each delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote. In order for a team to get two votes, both delegates must be present. Delegates will only be entitled to vote on behalf of their team. A delegate may be changed only by the submission of written notification signed by a majority of the team players. A list of official delegates will be retained by the Secretary of NYMWSL and only the listed delegates will be entitled to cast votes for their team. The official delegates may designate a substitute by giving prior oral or written notice to any member of the Executive Board as defined below. No delegate will be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one (1) team.
- VI. **ARTICLE VII: EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND BOARD**
- a. The Executive Officers shall constitute the Executive Board. The Executive Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and may succeed themselves in office. All offices may be held by anyone who is currently or previously affiliated with a NYMWSL team (ie player, coach,

manager). Elections will be held at the Annual meeting in July. The Executive Board, whose duty shall be to transact the business of this League, shall consist of:

- i. President
 - ii. Vice President
 - iii. Secretary
 - iv. Treasurer
 - v. League Commissioner
 - vi. Games Commissioner
 - vii. Trustee(s)
 - viii. Registrar
 - ix. Referee Commissioner
 - x. ENYSSA Representative
 - xi. Public Relations Officer
- b. In order for a NYMWSL Member to run for President, such Member must have served a minimum of one term as a member of the League Council.
- c. All Board members must adhere to the [Board member code of Conduct and Ethics](#).

VII. ARTICLE VIII: ANNUAL MEETINGS

- a. The Annual meeting of the League shall be held between the end of the season and the beginning of the next season. Attendance is mandatory, and may be virtual. The order of business shall be as follows:
- i. Roll call and vote accreditation
 - ii. New team member intros
 - iii. Reading of the Minutes of last Annual meeting
 - iv. Unfinished business
 - v. New business
 - vi. Reports of Chairman of Standing Committees
 - vii. Amendments to Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and By-Laws
 - viii. Discharge of past Executive Board
 - ix. Election of new Officers - Secret Ballot
 - x. Adjournment

VIII. ARTICLE IX: REGULAR MEETINGS

- a. League Meetings
- i. Regular League Meetings shall be held in the second week of the following months: August, September, February and March. However, unscheduled meetings may be called from time to time by the League Council to discuss or conduct such business matters as may become necessary. Attendance is mandatory for each member team. A quorum as defined below must be present to transact business. The order of business shall be as follows:
 1. Roll call and vote accreditation
 2. Approval of minutes of prior meeting
 3. Presentation of reports
 4. Old Business
 5. New Business
 6. Adjournment
- b. Executive Officer Meetings
- i. A meeting of the Executive Officers shall be held when needed. Attendance is not mandatory. Meetings may be attended by representatives of any NYMWSL team provided the League President is informed in advance and the meeting is not declared a closed meeting. Official League business may be transacted at Executive Officer Meetings, however permanent policy changes must be ratified and approved by a quorum at the next League Meeting. Executive Officer Meetings shall keep recorded minutes to be distributed at the next League Meeting, with the exception of closed meeting minutes, which shall be distributed at such time as deemed appropriate by a vote of the Executive Officers.

IX. ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

- a. Amendments to the Constitution and/or By-Laws may be made at the Annual meeting in July by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting membership present, provided all the voting members have been given ten (10) days written notice of the meeting and a written copy of the proposed changes. A quorum must be present.

X. ARTICLE XI: QUORUM

- a. Fifty (50%) percent of the League voting members, in good standing, shall constitute a quorum.