



MANDAN

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BYLAWS OF THE MANDAN SOCCER CLUB

Revised March 2022

Article I. Name and Organization

- Section 1. The name of this organization is the Mandan Soccer Club (MSC).
- Section 2. MSC will have a Board of Directors that is responsible for the operation of MSC in accordance with these Bylaws.

Article II. Purposes & Objectives

- Section 1. To promote and teach soccer to the youth.
- Section 2. To involve the entire family as volunteers or participants
- Section 3. To emphasize the development of basic soccer skills, by encouraging players to develop their skills as far as their individual abilities and interests will allow.
- Section 4. To ensure valued education as a central theme of MSC by promoting valued education for coaches, by urging coaches to set an environment that will help participants think about personal and life values, and by allowing participants to learn the skills needed to make sound value decisions for themselves.
- Section 5. To discuss, encourage, and build fair play into the program.
- Section 6. To ensure that MSC participation promotes fun for all involved. The players are first; the sport is second. What matters most is what happens to the players as people, their personal and social development, their skills, their attitudes, and their behavior.
- Section 7. To undertake and promote MSC activities through the use of volunteer services and other means to support an organized recreational soccer program.
- Section 8. To expend funds for the benefit of MSC, including the expenditure of funds to support programs or facilities which are determined by the Board of Directors to benefit Mandan soccer, and to acquire equipment, property, and other necessary and suitable materials to carry out MSC's purposes and objectives.
- Section 9. To obtain contributions, donations, gifts, bequests, grants, pledges, devises and similar grants from individuals, corporations, trusts, foundations, partnerships, estates, and other organizations or groups to support MSC's purposes and objectives.

- Section 10. To accept, buy, sell, hold, lease, rent, manage or otherwise deal with real and personal property consistent with the MSC's purposes, under direction of the MSC's Board of Directors.
- Section 11. To support any state and national soccer organization with purposes similar to MSC's purposes.

Article III. Transaction Limitations

- Section 1. No part of MSC's net earnings shall insure to the benefits of, or be distributed to its officers, directors, or members. However, MSC shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of MSC's purposes as expressed in these Bylaws, whether or not the recipient of said payment is an officer, director, or member of MSC.
- Section 2. No part of MSC's activities shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; nor shall it participate in or intervene in any manner to an extent (including the publishing or distributing of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- Section 3. MSC shall not engage in any activities that are unlawful under federal, state, or local laws.
- Section 4. All aspects of MSC's operations, including membership and player participation, shall be nondiscriminatory.
- Section 5. Upon the dissolution of MSC, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of MSC's debts and liabilities, dispose of MSC's assets in a manner consistent with MSC's purposes. All such assets shall be distributed to organizations whose purposes are similar to those of MSC and whose activities are within the scope of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article IV. Meetings

- Section 1. The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings at times as determined necessary by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, with at least ten (10) day's prior notice to all members of the Board of Directors. Such meetings shall be open to all MSC members.
- Section 2. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the president or by any four (4) members of the Board of Directors upon at least three (3) day's prior notice to all members of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3. The annual membership meeting of MSC shall be held in March each year with at least ten (10) day's written notice given to MSC members. Publication of notice of the annual meeting on the website and emailed to all membership shall be deemed sufficient notice to all MSC members.
- Section 4. MSC's Board of Directors shall determine the time and the location of all regular, annual, or special meetings.
- Section 5. At a meeting of the Board of Directors, a quorum shall consist of 60% of the elected members of the Board of Directors. At a meeting of MSC membership, any number of MSC members shall constitute a quorum. No proxy vote shall be allowed. Robert's Rule of Order shall be the parliamentary guide for all meetings.

Article V. Membership

- Section 1. MSC's membership is open to all individuals, organizations, or businesses interested in supporting soccer. For voting and other purposes, an MSC member is (a) any individual, organization, or business who has volunteered time or donated services or money to MSC during the calendar year, and (b) any parent or guardian or a participant who has paid the registration fee for either the current year or immediately preceding year and (c) business and/or parent/guardian must reside in Morton County. Each member is entitled one (1) vote. Membership is not transferable or assignable. Upon request, and upon remittance of the cost of copying, any MSC members shall receive a copy of these Bylaws. Members may vote only at annual membership meetings.

Article VI. Finance

- Section 1. The Board of Directors shall provide for an annual treasurer's report of MSC's operations at the meetings. Reports shall also be given to the director of the Mandan Parks and Recreation.
- Section 2. MSC's fiscal year shall begin on August 1st and close the following July 31st.

Article VII. Board of Directors

- Section 1. MSC's elected officers and immediate past president shall serve as MSC's Board of Directors, which shall manage MSC's affairs.
- Section 2. No member of the Board of Directors shall receive compensation for the services as a member of the Board of Directors. However, the Board of Directors may compensate persons for services rendered to or contracted for by MSC, and may pay reasonable expenses incurred for MSC's purposes.
- Section 3. A vacancy in any elected office, for whatever reasons, shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the vacant term.
- Section 4. The Board of Directors shall specifically approve all MSC purchases.
- Section 5. The Mandan Parks and Recreation Department shall be entitled to a nonvoting representative on the Board of Directors.
- Section 6. The immediate past president of MSC shall be a member of the Board of Directors for one (1) year following a term as president, if serving one (1) term.

Article VIII. Officers and Election

- Section 1. MSC's elected and voting officers shall be a president, a president elect, a secretary, a treasurer, and three (3) members at large.

- Section 2. The term of president elect will be a two (2) year term (one year as president elect and the second year as president). The president shall (after his/her term as president) serve as past president on the Board of Directors in an advisory capacity only. The term of office for secretary, treasurer, and members at large shall be two (2) years, with election of secretary and two (2) members at large held on even numbered years, at the annual membership meeting, and election of treasurer, and one (1) member at large in odd numbered years at the annual membership meeting.
- Section 3. MSC officers shall be elected at the MSC annual membership meeting. The president may appoint a nominating committee prior to the annual meeting to find a nominee or nominees for each of the officer positions. Any MSC member may make nominations from the floor at the annual membership meeting. All officers will be elected by ballot, with the candidates receiving the highest number of votes being elected.
- Section 4. Any MSC Board member who has three (3) unexcused absences from meetings may be removed from the Board by the Board of Directors. When necessary the replacement will be chosen by the Board of Directors.
- Section 5. REMOVAL OF BOARD MEMBER; The Board of Directors may remove any board member who has been determined guilty of conduct detrimental to the club. Removal requires a majority vote at any regular or special board meeting.

Article IX. Officers Duties

- Section 1. PAST PRESIDENT; The past president shall serve and assist the president and president elect in an advisory capacity to the MSC Board.
- Section 2. PRESIDENT; The president shall be MSC's chief executive officer, shall be chairman of MSC's Board of Directors, shall preside at all MSC meetings. The president shall exercise all the powers and duties usually attendant upon a president of a chairman of a Board of Directors. The president shall coordinate activities between MSC, Mandan Parks and Recreation Department, and other soccer groups and organizations.
- Section 3. PRESIDENT ELECT; The president elect shall preside at any Board meetings in the absence of the president, and shall automatically succeed to the presidency, should that office become vacant for any reason. The president elect will serve a two (2) year term, one year as President Elect and the second year as President.
- Section 4. SECRETARY; The secretary shall record minutes for all MSC and Board meetings and shall report, upon request, at MSC's annual membership meeting regarding any Bylaw changes and Board of Director meetings. The secretary shall notify all MSC Board members of dates and times of Board meetings. Secretary is also responsible for any typing needed by MSC. The secretary will serve a two (2) year term.
- Section 5. TREASURER; The treasurer shall be responsible for paying all bill authorized by the Board of Directors and for maintaining financial records for MSC. The treasurer shall provide periodic financial statements to the Board of Directors and shall prepare an annual treasurers report for the annual membership meeting. The treasurer will serve a two (2) year term.
- Section 6. MEMBER AT LARGE; Each member at large shall serve in a capacity and complete the duties deemed appropriate by the president. Each member at large will serve a two (2) year term.

- Section 7. COMMITTEES & COORDINATORS; The president shall, when needed appoint committees and/or coordinators to perform necessary duties and tasks. These committees and/or coordinators may be for a defined period of time or indefinitely. These committees & coordinators will not be voting members of the Board of Directors.
- Section 8. One person may be elected to assume more than one elected officer position.

Article X. Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended or repealed, or new Bylaws adopted at the annual membership meeting by a simple majority of members present, providing that written notice of the intention to so change the Bylaws, and the nature of such change, is given to MSC members thirty (30) days prior to meeting at which the changes are acted upon. Provided prior notice is given, Bylaw changes can be introduced and acted upon at the same meeting.

Article XI. Adoption

These Bylaws are officially adopted by the Mandan Soccer Club. These Bylaws supersede and thereby render null or void any previously existing Bylaws of this club.

Dated this 30th day of March, 2022

President

Vice President