

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 NOVEMBER 2009)**

ARTICLE I

NAME

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

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The Classic League is an invitational soccer league formed for the purpose of fostering and advancing the highest level of premier, competitive, select, or similar high level of soccer in North Texas. The purpose is also to promote the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, and courage through organized athletic competition.

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 Representatives 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 Representatives Committee (at Representatives 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 Representatives 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 Representatives Committee, as provided below). The Classic League Chairman will also be the Chairman of the Executive Committee. The Representatives Committee and the Coaches Committee will each 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 hereof; (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 hereof.

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

Representatives Committee

The Classic League Representatives Committee will consist of an adult representative from each soccer club in good standing and participating in the Classic League for the current season (each a "Club Representative"). 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) and will have one vote per club. Each club which remains in good standing will retain its Club Representative between seasons. A chairman of the Representatives Committee will be selected from the persons chosen as Club Representatives at the first meeting each fiscal year of the Representatives Committee (the "Annual Meeting"). The chairman of the Representatives Committee will be a voting League Director of the Classic League Board. The Representatives 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.

Coaches Committee

The Classic League Coaches Committee will consist of each coach and assistant coach (a) in good standing with the Classic League; and, (b) properly rostered to any team in good standing and participating in the Classic League for the current season. A chairman of the Coaches Committee will be selected at its fall meeting each year. The chairman of the Coaches Committee will be a voting League Director of the Classic League Board.

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 Representatives Committee held during any calendar year that ends with an even number, the Representatives Committee shall elect a new Classic League Chairman (or re-elect the existing Classic League Chairman), whose election must then be submitted to the Board of Directors of the Alliance for approval.

The Representatives 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 Representatives 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 Representatives 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 Representatives Committee, the existing Executive Committee of the Classic League may select an interim Chairman to serve in such position until such time as the Representatives 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.

Representatives Committee Chairman

The Representatives 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 Representatives 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 Representatives Committee for this purpose or any other purpose. Such special meeting of the Representatives Committee to elect a new or replacement chairman of the Representatives 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 Representatives Committee, pending election of the new or replacement chairman by the Representatives Committee.

Coaches Committee Chairman

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

The 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 Coaches Committee for this purpose or any other purpose. Such special meeting of the Coaches

Committee to elect a new or replacement chairman of the Coaches Committee must be held promptly after the occurrence of such vacancy. In the interim, the Chairman of the Classic League Board may select an interim chairman of the Coaches Committee to serve until such time as the Coaches Committee meets and elects a new or replacement chairman of the 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 Representatives Committee for review (to the extent reasonably practical, prior to such appointment).

The Immediate Past Classic League Chairman will be a non-voting League Director of the Classic League Board for a two (2) year period following the end of his term.

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 Representatives Committee and the chairman of the Coaches Committee, who are elected as provided above). All League Directors and officers so appointed or elected will be submitted to the Representatives 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.

Representatives Committee

The Representatives 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.

Coaches Committee Chairman

The Coaches Committee will have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Give input and advice to the Classic League Board of League Directors (especially with regard to the rules of play).
2. Review and comment upon proposed rule changes (unless otherwise determined by 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.

Representatives Committee Meetings

The Representatives Committee will hold its Annual Meeting (after selection of the teams that will participate in the Fall Season, but prior to the completion of the Fall Season play) as set forth in Article VI hereof, and additional general meetings may be held periodically thereafter at the discretion of the chairman of the Representatives Committee. In addition, special meetings of the Representatives Committee may be called upon not less than forty-eight (48) hours written notice by the chairman of the Representatives 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 Representatives (in each case briefly indicating the nature, date, time and place of such special meeting).

Coaches Committee Meetings

The Coaches Committee will meet at least once each year. Additional meetings may be held periodically thereafter at the discretion of the chairman of the Coaches Committee. In addition, special meetings of the Coaches Committee may be called upon not less than twenty-four (24) hours written notice by the chairman of the Coaches Committee, the Classic League Chairman of the Board or upon a petition signed by not less than 10% of all coaches in good standing of teams currently participating and in good standing with the Classic League (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 Representatives Committee will consist of representatives of Clubs representing at least 40% of the teams 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 Clubs representing 60% of the teams participating in and in good standing with the Classic League. No quorum of the Coaches Committee is required to conduct a meeting of the Coaches Committee, although any recommendations by the Coaches Committee shall be accompanied by a list of the names of the coaches present at such meeting.

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 Representatives 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 Representatives 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 Representatives 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 **(i)** be expelled; **(ii)** have his, her or its membership forfeited; and/or **(iii)** 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 Bylaws of the Alliance, the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Alliance shall control.

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended only at annual meetings or at special meetings of the Representatives Committee called for the specific purpose of amending the Constitution. Amendments to the Constitution shall be by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the attending voting members of the Representatives Committee. All voting members of the Representatives Committee must be furnished with the proposed amendment in writing at least ten (10) days in advance and notified as to the time, place, and date of the meeting. For this purpose, a voting member is defined under Article VI "Representatives Committee".