Greenhaven Soccer Club Constitution

1:01 Name

1:01:01 This organization shall be known as the Greenhaven Soccer Club of Sacramento, California; also referred to as “GSC,” or “Club.”

1:02 Purpose

1:02:01 The purpose of this Club shall be to develop, administer, and promote an organized soccer program for the youth within our designated area, primarily consisting of the Greenhaven/Pocket areas.

1:02:02 This Club is not organized, nor shall it be operated for pecuniary gain or profit, and it does not contemplate the distribution of gains, profits, or dividends to the members thereof and is organized solely for nonprofit purposes. The property of this Club is irrevocably dedicated to a recreational youth soccer program meeting the requirements for exemption provided by Section 214 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, and no part of the net income or assets of this organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any persons. Upon the dissolution or winding up of this Club, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this Club shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for a recreational youth soccer program meeting the requirements for exemption provided by Section 214 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or Section 23701 (d) of the Revenue and Taxation Code. If this Club holds any assets in trust, or the Club is formed for charitable purposes, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of the superior court of the county in which the Club has its principal office, upon petition therefore by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation, in a process to which the Attorney General is party.

1:02:03 Our goals are:

A. To teach soccer to all youth in the area who are interested and enable them to see soccer as an enjoyable experience.
B. To promote financial, moral, ad social assistance required to develop good competitive sportsmanship and its lasting value for children in the community.

1:03 Affiliation

1:03:01 This Club shall be an affiliated branch of and comply with the authority of either or both: 1) the Sacramento Youth Soccer League (SYSL); the California Youth Soccer Association, Incorporated (CYSA) or 2) US Club Soccer; and be affiliated under the United States Soccer Federation (USSF); and the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA).

1:04 Authorities

1:04:01 This club shall be governed by its Constitution, By-Laws, and Policies and Operation Rules, except when superceded by SYSL and/or CYSA rules.

1:04:02 The governing authority of this club, whose powers shall be described in the By-Laws, shall be vested in the Executive Officers and the Board Members of this Club.

1:04:03 The governing authority, hereinafter referred to as the “Board of Directors,” shall be vested in the Executive Officers and the Board Members of this Club.

1:05 Membership

1:05:01 This Club is a nonprofit benefit organization and is not organized for the private gain of any person.

1:05:02 Membership shall be by annual registration. Registration is open to all youth regardless of race, color, creed, or ability.

1:05:03 The registration fee for all players shall be determined annually by the current Board of Directors.

1:05:04 All members shall abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, and Policies and Operation Rules of this Club and all applicable rules and regulations of the League and Association with which this Club is affiliated.

1:06 Meetings

1:06:01 A regular monthly meeting will be set each year by the Board. A meeting schedule will be provided to each member. Additional meetings may be held as required.

1:07 Changes

1:07:01 The Constitution and By-Laws may be revised or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members of the Board of Directors present at any regular meeting, provided these additions or revisions have been issued to each member of the Board of Directors at least seven (7) days before the Board meeting.

1:07:02 The Policies and Operating Rules may be revised, amended, or supplemented by a majority vote of the quorum at any Board meeting.

1:08 Quorum

1:08:01 Three (3) Executive Board Members and any other members present shall constitute a quorum at the regularly scheduled monthly meetings as defined in 1:06:01.

1:08:02 A majority of current voting members shall constitute a quorum at any additional meeting, provided all members have been duly notified at least two (2) days prior to the meeting.

1:09 Financial Responsibility

1:09:01 This Club shall not assume, nor be liable for, the debts or the financial responsibilities, either implied or incurred, of its members.

1:10 Dissolution

1:10:01 Should this Club dissolve, all assets remaining after payment of all debts shall be turned over to the Sacramento Youth Soccer League for the express purpose of the development of youth soccer.

Greenhaven Soccer Club By-Laws (Amended 01/05/2009)

2:01 The Board of Directors (Board)

2:01:01 The Executive Officers shall be elected at the first meeting of each calendar year by a majority of the current Board of Directors.

2:01:02 The Board of Directors shall elect Executive officers as follows:

A. President
The President shall conduct all meetings of the Board and shall cast a vote only in the case of a tie. The President shall appoint the Board Members at the beginning of her/his term in office.

B. Senior Vice President
The Senior Vice-President shall succeed to the powers of the President in his/her absence. The Senior Vice President shall assume any duties assigned by the President.

C. Vice-President-Boys
The Vice-President-Boys shall succeed to the powers of the President in the absence of the Senior Vice President and the President. The Vice-President-Boys shall assume any duties assigned by the President. The Vice-President-Boys shall have primary responsibility for the boy's soccer program, coaches, and age-group coordinators.

D. Vice President-Girls
The Vice-President- Girls shall succeed to the powers of the President in the absence of the Senior Vice President, Vice-President - Boys and the President. The Vice-President- Girls shall assume any duties assigned by the President. The Vice-President- Girls shall have primary responsibility for the girl's soccer program, coaches, and age-group coordinators.

E. Vice President-Metro
The Vice President- Metro shall succeed to the powers of the President in the absence of the Senior Vice President, Vice-President - Boys, Vice President - Girls. The Vice President- Metro shall assume any duties assigned by the President. The Vice-President- Metro shall have primary responsibility for the administration of the Metro Program. All references to Metro Coordinator shall also be a reference to the Vice President-Metro.

F. Registrar
The Registrar shall succeed to the powers of the Vice-President-Girls in her/his absence and shall succeed to the powers of the President in the absence of the President, Senior Vice-President, VP – Boys, VP - Girls and VP - Metro. The Registrar shall be in charge of Player Registration.

F. Treasurer
The Treasurer shall give a written monthly report of all moneys expended and deposited in a recognized bank in the name of the Club. All accounts shall be paid by check and shall bear two (2) signatures: That of the Treasurer or that of the President designee.

H. Secretary
The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all meetings, handle all correspondence, give notice of meetings, distribute agendas and maintain the files of GSC.

I. A Member of the Executive Board must have at least one year of service in good standing on the Board of Directors in the past three seasons. If a person does not have this requisite experience, he/she must obtain the approval of 2/3 of the Board of Directors present to serve on the Executive Board.

2:01:03 Those elected shall assume their duties at the next regular meeting.

2:01:04 The President may call and Executive Board meeting, requiring three (3) Executive Board Members to constitute quorum.

2:01:05 The Board of Directors shall not exceed forty (40) persons.

2:01:06 The Executive board shall, from time to time, adopt temporary rules or regulations for specific cases or occasions, not provided for in the Constitution, By-Laws, or Policies and Operating Rules, but which are deemed necessary to carry out the objectives and purposes of this Club. In each instance, the Executive board must report to the Board of Directors all temporary rules or regulation changes.

2:01:07 Any Board Member who misses three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled meeting without notification or sending a report may be replaced. The Board Member shall be notifies in writing before this action shall be taken.

2:02 Responsibilities

2:02:01 Falsification of records shall be grounds for disqualification for future participation and/or membership in this Club.

2:02:02 A plea of ignorance to the Constitution, By-Laws, or Rules and Policies of this Club is not sufficient and violators shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors of this Club.

2:02:03 Any person found guilty of violating the Constitution, By-Laws, policies and Operating Rules of this Club, or those of an affiliated organization, may be asked to appear before the Board of Directors of this Club to explain their actions.

2:02:04 The Board of Directors of this Club shall have the right and authority to suspend, bar completely, or otherwise discipline any player, coach, assistant coach, referee or official, Club officer, or any individual of this Club.

2:03 Age Group Coordinator

2:03:01 Each age group shall be represented by an Age Group Coordinator (AGC). An AGC may request more than one age group.

2:03:02 The AGC, for any age group, shall not be a coach, or spouse of a Head Coach from that age group.

2:03:03 The duties of the AGC are:

A. Assist with player orientation;
B. Assist with organization and recruiting of coaches;
C. Chair the team selection process;
D. Maintain the player waiting list;
E. Generally see that information is passed between coaches, parents, and the Board of Directors; and
F. Liaison for protest and appeal action for coaches and parents.

2:04 Nominating Committee

2:04:01 The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee by December of each year to make recommendations for Board nominations.

2:04:02 The President shall not be a member of this Committee.

2:04:03 The President shall hold the position of president for no more than three consecutive years, and then he/she must have a break of one year as president before he/she can be nominated as president again.

2:05 Coaches

2:05:01 All coaches shall be approved by the Board of Directors prior to team selection.

2:05:02 All coaches shall, at all times:

A. Conduct themselves in a courteous manner during games;
B. Make a reasonable effort to control unruly crowds or spectators;
C. Adhere to the SPIRIT as well as the rule (SYSL 3:06:01D) concerning players playing one-half (1/2) of any scheduled League game.
D. Abide by and be responsible for knowing rules and regulations of this Club, League, and Associations of which this Club is affiliated.

2:05:03 Any coach receiving a Red Card ejection during the game will be required to appear before the GSC Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Coaches will be notified when they must appear.

2:05:04 No Coach of a recreational (Class IV) team will in any way attempt to recruit any child to play for her/his team for the current or future season. No coach shall attempt to persuade or influence any child to play for any team or club, including her/his own. A coach may encourage non-members to join and play with GSC in the spirit of promoting youth soccer and GSC.

2:05:05 Coaches for Metro/Select (Class III) teams are allowed to encourage players to request participation in the Metro/Select team selection process. All such encouragement shall be in a positive manner, with the development of the players being the principle goal.

2:06 Team Selection

2:06:01 Metro/Select (Class III) Teams:
(Definition per CYSA Tournament Criteria) Upper Level, Advanced, or First Division development teams whose players are normally selected via tryouts or a draft.

A. The Board of Directors will adopt policies and operating rules for Metro/Select soccer. These policies and operating rules shall be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors.

2:06:06 Recreational (Class IV) Soccer Team Selection
The AGC will determine the maximum number of players per team based on the number of players and the available coaches. However, no coach will be required to take more than:

U-6 (per U6 rules) U-14 18 Players
U-8 11 Players U-16 18 Players
U-10 12 Players U-19 18 Players
U-12 18 Players

on a team. Maximum team size shall be per CYSA and SYSL rule.

A. A coach may choose to keep all of her/his players form the previous year's team. She/he must keep all of the players that do not indicate they wish to change teams. Of last year's coach does not choose to coach, one assistant may maintain the team. If two assistant coaches want to freeze the team and do not wish to coach together, they must mutually agree which assistant coach will maintain the team or no players will be maintained. In no case will a team be split/maintained by assistant coaches and/or coaches.

B. A coach's child and up to two (2) assistant coaches' children are automatically on their parents' team.
1. Assistant coaches must be named, verified, and approved prior to team selection to be able to "freeze" their children.

C. To fill in the remaining vacancies on teams, the following draft procedure will be used:
1. Requests: Players may request to be placed on a specific team by indicating the request on their registration form or by contacting the AGC. The AGC will prepare a list of all player requests for team placement. The AGC will read through the list. A play will be placed on the requested team only if the *majority* of coaches (including the requested coach) agree.
2. The AGC then reads through the list of the remaining players (including those requests that were not honored). If only on coach wants any one player, she/he is placed on that team. If two or more coaches want the same player, she/he is returned to the selection pool. This process is continued until all players wanted by one team are selected.
3. All remaining players will be assigned to the teams using the draft procedure. The draft procedure will continue until each team reaches the quota designated by the AGC.
4. All returning players will be drafted before new players are selected.
5. Drafting Procedure: Order of draft will be determined by draw and shall proceed as in the following example (in case of four (4) teams drafting):
round 1 – 1,2,3,4 round 2 – 4,,3,2,1 round 3 – 1,2,3,4

Draft continues until all players have been selected or a team has reached its limit set in 2:06:02. All players not taken will share first place on the waiting list for that age group.

6. Players who register after the draft will be added to the waiting list by the AGC in the order in which they register.
7. The AGC will fill any team vacancies form the waiting list in the team draft order.

2:07 Protests and Appeals

2:07:01 All coaches shall notify the Referee Coordinator as soon as possible, but no later than twenty-four (24) hours following the completion of their game, of any protest condition involving them or their game. If the Referee Coordinator can not be reached within the time-frame, then a Vice-President, Senior Vice President or President must be notified.

2:07:02 The Board of Directors and AGC will not consider “anonymous” complaints in any form or mere rumors.

2:07:03 Any complaints regarding the conduct or any other matter concerning a coach must be made in writing or in person to the appropriate AGC, Vice-President, or President.

2:07:04 Any parent wishing to appeal a decision of the Registrar of AGC concerning her/his child may first appeal to the appropriate Vice-President then to the Executive Board of dissatisfied. Such appeal must be in writing.

2:08 Uniforms

2:08:01 The uniform colors of this Club shall be green and black. The primary uniform worn when representing GSC shall be black pants and green jerseys.

2:08:02 Uniforms shall be chosen by the Board of Directors. Any alternate uniform used by a GSC team must be approved by the Board of Directors or its designee.

2:08:03 Regular or alternate uniforms will have no name or logo other than an approved GSC and/or manufacturer’s logo unless approved by the Board of Directors.

2:09 Miscellaneous Policy

2:09:01 The Executive Board must approve any request for a child to play in an age group more than one (1) year above her/his age (i.e. a 6 year old wishing to play U-10).

2:09:02 Claims by coaches for Association Cup Tournament reimbursement must be presented in writing to the Treasurer no later than the March Board Meeting. Late claims will not be reimbursed.