

GLOUCESTER RECREATIONAL SOCCER CONSTITUTION

(Enacted November, 1999; Amended December 9, 2014)

ARTICLE 1: NAME

- a) The name of the organization shall be "Gloucester Recreational Soccer" and shall be referred to as the GRS

ARTICLE 2: MISSION

Gloucester Recreational Soccer is a volunteer-based organization whose mission is to provide every player with an equal opportunity to experience an atmosphere that fosters good sportsmanship and respect for others in an enjoyable environment.

ARTICLE 3: ORGANIZATION

The GRS shall consist of a GRS Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership in the GRS is open to all residents of the City of Gloucester. The following are considered members of GRS:
 - i) registered players of voting age and active volunteers,
 - ii) the parents or legal guardians of any playing member who is not of legal voting age,
 - iii) non residents of the City of Gloucester whose membership has been approved by the Executive.
- b) Groups or individuals, whether resident or non resident, shall automatically become members of GRS upon payment of the registration fees to the GRS.

ARTICLE 5: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- a) The business and affairs of the GRS shall be conducted by an Executive Committee in accordance with this Constitution, By-laws and Regulations.
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- b) The Executive Committee of the GRS shall consist of:
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| i) | The President of GRS | Voting Member |
| ii) | The Past President of GRS | Voting Member |
| iii) | Executive Vice President | Voting Member |
| iv) | VP Mini Soccer | Voting Member |
| v) | VP Junior Girls Soccer | Voting Member |
| vi) | VP Junior Boys Soccer | Voting Member |
| vii) | President South Gloucester Club | Voting Member |
| viii) | Treasurer | Voting Member |
| ix) | Registrar | Voting Member |
| x) | Technical Director | Voting Member |
| xi) | Director Equipment/Facilities | Voting Member |
| xii) | VP Winter Soccer | Voting Member |
| xiii) | Secretary | Voting Member |
| xiv) | VP Seniors | Voting Member |
- c) Any individual who is a member in good standing of the GRS in accordance with Article 4, and is of legal voting age, shall be eligible to hold any position on the Executive Committee.
- d) All positions on the Executive Committee, except that of Past President, shall be elected at a GRS AGM. In such cases where there is no member of the GRS willing to run for a particular position at the time of elections, those members of the Executive Committee who are elected shall be empowered to fill the vacancy by appointment, so long as such appointment is approved by the majority vote of the Executive Committee.
- e) The elected members of GRS shall serve two (2) years. Each term in office will commence at the AGM when elected and cease at the AGM two (2) years hence. To ensure continuity in the management of GRS, elections will be held for the President, VP Minis, VP Junior Boys, Treasurer, VP Winter Soccer, and Director Equipment/Facilities in even numbered years, and for Executive VP, VP Junior Girls, VP Seniors, Registrar, Technical Director and Secretary in odd numbered years.
- f) Should any one of the elected posts become vacant, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy until the next AGM.
- g) The Executive Committee shall be empowered to appoint such ex-official members to the committee as are deemed necessary to accomplish the aims and objectives of the GRS.

- h) The term of office for the Past President shall be for one year after taking office as Past President.
- i) To be eligible to run for President, a candidate must have served for a minimum of one year on the Executive of the GRS, during the last five years.

ARTICLE 6: AMENDMENTS TO THE GRS CONSTITUTION

- a) The Constitution of the GRS shall not be amended except at the AGM or a special general meeting convened specifically for that purpose. Notice of the proposed amendment shall be handed to the Secretary in writing at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting and shall be available to any interested party at least 15 days prior to the date of the said meeting.
- b) All proposed amendments to the Constitution shall require a 2/3 majority of voting members at the AGM, subject to the rules of Quorum as defined in Article 8 of this Constitution. Sub-amendments to such amendments may be made and voted upon at the AGM provided that such sub-amendments shall not alter the original intent of the proposed motion.

ARTICLE 7: BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The Executive Committee of the GRS may, at its regular meetings and with a 2/3 majority of those present and voting, subject to the rules of Quorum as defined in Article 8 of this Constitution, establish By-laws governing the conduct of meetings, voting, elections, duties of the GRS Executive Committee, conditions for membership, conduct and discipline, and conditions of appeals and protests, rules and regulations and any other matters which properly fall within the jurisdiction of the GRS.

ARTICLE 8: MEETINGS

- a) The Annual General Meeting of the GRS shall be held no later than the 30th day of December of each year. Its purpose shall be to review the activities of the past season to carry out changes to the By-Laws and proposals for alternation to the Rules and Regulations.
- b) Notice of the date of the AGM shall be made at least 30 days prior to the proposed date. Distribution of such notice shall be made in the most effective means available to reach the greatest number of members, using such media as newspapers, area recreation newsletters, etc.
- c) General meetings shall be at the call of the President or, as provided for by the By-laws, upon receipt of a motion affecting the Constitution or the operation of the GSA through the By-laws which cannot be handled by the Executive Committee and requires immediate resolution prior to the next AGM.

- d) The President shall be required to call a Special General meeting of the GRS if so required in writing by at least 50 members. The request shall include specific statements regarding the need of such a request and the President shall ensure that such a meeting is called within 30 days of receipt.
- e) Notice of meetings shall be given to all members as appropriate at least seven days prior to such meetings. Emergency meetings of the Executive Committee may be called without the usual seven days' notice provided that a quorum of the Executive Committee agree to such a meeting.
- f) The quorum for all General meetings, shall be set at the number of voting members equal to two-thirds of elected Board Members.
- g) The agenda for the AGM shall be prepared by the chairs of the applicable unit and shall include the following essential business:
 - i) President's Annual Report
 - ii) Approval of the Minutes of the previous AGM
 - iii) Treasurer's Annual Report
 - iv) Committee Members' Reports
 - v) Special reports as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee
 - vi) Constitution, By-laws, rules and regulations Amendments
 - vii) Election of the applicable Executive Committee Members.
- h) The Chair may at their discretion, introduce any special business for discussion after the approval of the minutes.
- i) Attendance at meetings shall be open to:
 - i) interested spectators or invited guests who may be admitted where the Chair grants permission.
 - ii) the AGM and general meetings shall be open to all members, and all residents of the City of Gloucester. All voting will be restricted to those physically present, and who are members of GRS as defined in Article 4. Each member is entitled to one (1) vote.

ARTICLE 9: OTHER REGULATIONS